

Closed Caption Log, Council Meeting, 2/14/08

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, REV. ROBERT CLEMONS, PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY, ST. JAMES MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ,

IN CASE YOU ARE WONDERING, WE HAVE A COUPLE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS RUNNING A LITTLE BIT LATE. WE WILL GIVE THEM A FEW MORE MINUTES TO GET HERE. WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE.

GOOD MORNING, I APPRECIATE EVERYBODY'S PATIENCE, IT TOOK US A WHILE TO GET EVERYBODY IN THE BUILDING. I'M AUSTIN MAYOR WILL WYNN, IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME REV. ROBERT CLEMONS, PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY, ST. JAMES MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH , WHO WILL LEAD US IN OUR INVOCATION, PLEASE RISE. REVEREND?

SHALL WE PRAY? ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR GOD AND OUR FATHER, FATHER OF OUR LORD SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. WE BOW BEFORE YOU, THANKING YOU FATHER FOR YOUR GRACE AND YOUR MERCY, THANKING FOR OUR LAST NIGHT LYING DOWN, EARLY MORNING RISE, THANK FOR YOU THE HEALTH AND STRENGTH AND ACTIVENESS OF OUR LIMBS AND SOUND MIND. THANK YOU FOR GIVING US AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ONE OF OUR BROTHERS WHO IS A PART OF THIS BODY, OUR BROTHER CHAPA, WE ARE STANDING ON YOUR WORD, YOU DELIVER THEM OUT OF HIM, ALSO, WE ASK THAT YOU BLESS HIM RIGHT NOW IN HIS TIME OF AFFLICTION. WE PRAY THAT YOU BLESS THE CITY COUNCIL ABOVE AND BEYOND THEIR COMP HELPINGS, LORD. COMPREHENSION, WITH YOUR SPIRIT OF WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE, COUNCIL, SPIRIT OF MIND, SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING AND THE SPIRIT OF FEAR. WE ALSO ASK FOR YOUR BLESSING UPON ALL OF OUR PUBLIC LEADERS THAT YOU PLACE IN PUBLIC OFFICE OVER YOUR PEOPLE, THEIR FAMILY, AND THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS. HOSTILE NATION LEADER, TALIBAN LEADERS, PARLIAMENT LEADERS, NATION OF ISRAEL LEADERS, PALESTINIAN LEADERS, IRAQ LEADERS, RUSSIAN LEADERS, THE CHINA LEADERS, SOUTH AND NORTH KOREARYIAN LEADERS, AUSTRALIAN, ALASKA, AFRICAN-AMERICAN, SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICAN LEADERS, CANADIAN LEADERS AND PRESIDENT BUSH'S LEADERSHIP, LORD, WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD BLESS OUR MAYOR OF THIS GREAT CITY, OUR GOVERNOR OF THIS GREAT STATE, LORD. WE THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY, PRAY THAT YOU OPEN UP OUR HEARTS AND MIND SO THAT WE MAY BE RECEPTIVE TO OUR WORDS.

FOR IT'S IN JESUS NAME WE PRAY, AMEN.

THANK YOU, REFUSE REMEMBERED. AT THIS TIME I WILL CALL TO ORDER THE MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 14th, 2008, APPROXIMATELY 10:32 A.M. HERE IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE STALL HALL BUILDING 301 WEST SECOND, HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO EVERYBODY. IF THE FIRE ALARM GOES OFF ABOUT A HALF AN HOUR BEFORE MY DINNER RESERVATIONS IT WILL BE A PURE COINCIDENCE. [LAUGHTER]

CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS TO THIS WEEK'S POSTED AGENDA, THEY ARE -- FOR ITEM NO. 2, WE NEED TO STRIKE THE PHRASE TO BE REVIEWED BY BECAUSE OF THE FACT THIS WAS PRESENTED TO THE ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION AND COMES RECOMMENDED TO US. THIS IS ITEM NO. 2 RELATED TO THE SOUTH TEXAS NUCLEAR PLANT THAT WILL BE PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA BECAUSE WE'LL TAKE IT UP BRIEFLY IN CLOSED SESSION. WE SHOULD NOTE THAT ITEMS NUMBER 8 AND 9 COME RECOMMENDED BY THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT. A NUMBER OF POSTPONEMENTS. WE WILL BE POSTPONING THE FOLLOWING FIVE ITEMS TO OUR NEXT MEETING, THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28th, 2008, WE WILL BE POSTPONING ITEM 17, 18, 24, 27, AND 28. ITEM NO. 43 WE NEED TO CORRECT THE -- THE ADDRESS AND STRIKE THE -- STRIKE THE FIRST REFERENCE TO -- TO EAST -- INSERT WEST. THEN FINALLY, AFTER THE END OF THE POSTING, SOUTH CONGRESS AVENUE TO THE EAST. NOT TO THE WEST. ON ITEM NO. 43, ALSO NOTE THIS COMES RECOMMENDED BY THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION. ON ITEM NO. 79, WE SHOULD CORRECT AND MAKE SURE THAT WE KNOW THAT IT'S THE TAYLOR SLEW SOUTH WATERSHED. AND ON ITEM NO. 87, WE SHOULD NOTE THAT IT'S TO BE REVIEWED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 26th, 2008. SO I DOUBT WE'LL TAKE ACTION ON THAT TODAY. ITEM NO. 88, WE NEED TO INSERT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION, WHICH IS TO GRANT COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL MIXED USE VERTICAL MIXED USE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY OR GR-MU-V-CO COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING FOR TRACT 1 AND COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL MIXED USE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY OR GR-MU-CO COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING FOR TRACT NUMBER 2. THAT'S ZONING CASE ITEM NO. 88. ON ITEM NO. 92 WE SHOULD CORRECT THE ORDINANCE NUMBER AND THAT WOULD BE 020523-30. THE CORRECTED ORDINANCE NUMBER FOR ITEM NO. 92. OUR SCHEDULE TODAY, WE ARE ALREADY A LITTLE BIT BEHIND, BUT AS SOON AS WE GET THROUGH OUR CONSENT AGENDA HERE IN A FEW MINUTES, WE WILL HAVE OUR MORNING BRIEFING. IT WILL BE AN UPDATE ON THE 51st STREET WATER TOWER THAT WE HAVE BEEN ANALYZING AND DEBATING FOR A WHILE. AND THEN ALSO A PRESENTATION ON THE PHASE 1 REPORT OF THE DOWNTOWN AUSTIN PLAN AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POLICY DIRECTION FOR THE NEXT SERIES OF STEPS REGARDING THE PLANNING OF DOWNTOWN. AT NOON WE BREAK FOR OUR GENERAL CITIZENS COMMUNICATION. AT 2:00 WE HAVE -- SOMETIME AFTER 2:00 WE WILL HAVE OUR AFTERNOON BRIEFING, THIS WEEK'S BRIEFING IS A PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S WEBBERVILLE PROPERTY, THE 2700 ACRES OWNED BY AUSTIN ENERGY TO THE EAST OF AUSTIN. AND SOMETIME AFTER 3:00, WE WILL TAKE UP THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING FOR THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION. AT 4:00 WE START OUR ZONING MATTERS, APPROVAL OF ORDINANCES AND ROCKS. ROCK -- AND RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS.

AT 5:30 WE BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS, DEE MADNESS IS OUR MUSICIAN TODAY. SO, COUNCIL, I'VE JUST BIN FORMED THAT TECHNICALLY THE SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION SHOULD HAVE BEEN NOTED FOR ITEM NO. 49, NOT NUMBER 43. COUNCIL, A HANDFUL OF ITEMS HAVE BEEN TAKEN OFF THE -- PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA. THEY ARE -- WE'VE PULLED ITEM NO. 2 REGARDING OUR NUCLEAR PLANT THAT RELATES TO A BRIEF EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION. ITEM NUMBER 19 IS PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA BECAUSE WE HAVE AT LEAST FIVE CITIZENS SIGNED UP REGARDING THE ANTI-GANG ISSUE. ITEM NO. 33 PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA, A POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM RELATED TO THE WATER TOWER ANALYSIS ON 51st STREET. ITEM NO. 34 PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA REGARDING ENGINEERING SERVICES TO A WATER RECOMMENDATION PROJECT, ITEM NO. 54, THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT R.F.P., PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA TO BE TAKEN UP LATER. SO, COUNCIL, ADDITIONAL ITEMS? TO BE PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA PRIOR TO THE -- TO NUMERICALLY -- HEARING NONE, LET'S SEE OUR PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE TO APPROVE ITEM 1, 3, FROM OUR COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT ITEM 4, FROM OUR CONVENTION CENTER DEPARTMENT ITEMS 5, AND 6, FROM OUR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REDEVELOPMENT SERVICES ITEM 7, FROM OUR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, PER CHANGES AND CORRECTION WE'LL BE APPROVING ITEMS NUMBER 8 AND 9, FROM OUR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT, ITEM 10; FROM OUR LAW DEPARTMENT, ITEM 11; FROM OUR MANAGEMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT ITEM 12; FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, ITEM 13; FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT, ITEMS 14, 15, AND 16 AND POSTPONING PER CHANGES AND CORRECTION ITEMS 17 AND 18, TO FEBRUARY 28th, 2008. FROM OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT WE WILL BE APPROVING ITEMS 20 AND 21, FROM OUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WE WILL BE APPROVING ITEMS 22, 23, 24 PER CHANGES -- I'M SORRY, WE WILL BE POSTPONING ITEM 24 TO FEBRUARY 28th, 2008 PER CHANGES AND CORRECTION, WE WILL BE APPROVING ITEMS 25, 26, WE WILL BE POSTPONING ITEMS 27 AND 28, TO OUR FEBRUARY 28th 2008 MEETING MEETING. WE WILL BE APPROVING ITEMS 29, 30, 31, AND 32. WE WILL BE APPROVING ITEM 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44 PER CHANGES AND CORRECTION AND 44. FROM OUR PURCHASING OFFICE, WE WILL BE APPROVING ITEMS 45, 46, 47, AND 48. FROM OUR SOLID WASTE SERVICES DEPARTMENT, APPROVING ITEM 49. PER CHANGES AND CORRECTION. WE WILL BE APPROVING FROM OUR WATERSHED PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW DEPARTMENT ITEMS 50, ITEM 51 ARE OUR APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD AND ECONOMICS THAT I WILL READ INTO -- BOARD AND COMMISSIONS THAT I WILL READ INTO THE RECORD NOW. THEY ARE TO THE HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE CITY OF AUSTIN, HOWARD SEIGEL IS MY NOMINATION. TO THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION JAMES LOGAN IS COUNCILMEMBER COLE'S NOMINATION. THAT'S ITEM NO. 51 ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. WE WILL ALSO BE APPROVING ITEMS 52, 53, 55, 56, 57 AND 58. WE WILL BE SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS BY APPROVING ITEMS 59, 60, 61, AND 62. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION ON THAT PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA. ACTUALLY, BEFORE THAT, MR. SMITH.

YEAH, MAYOR, I APOLOGIZE. JUST A POINT OF CLARIFICATION. ON ITEM 11, IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR THAT ITEM TO BE ON CONSENT IF THAT'S COUNCIL'S DESIRE. IT'S AN AGREED FINAL JUDGMENT IN A LAWSUIT. COUNCIL WOULD PREFER THAT WE HAVE OUR OUTSIDE COUNCIL HERE WHO COULD MAKE A BRIEF PRESENTATION PRIOR TO THE CONSENT MOTION BEING APPROVED.

Mayor Wynn: I THINK WHAT WE WILL THEN -- WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE WILL JUST GO AHEAD AND CONSIDER IT ON THIS CONSENT AGENDA IF WE GET A MOTION AND A SECOND. BUT THEN BEFORE WE TAKE ACTION ON THAT MOTION, WE WILL HEAR FROM OUTSIDE COUNSEL. MOTION MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ. SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COLE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF COMMENTS, SOME FOLKS WANT TO GIVE US SOME TESTIMONY ON SOME OF THESE ITEMS. BUT WHY DON'T WE GO AHEAD AND START WITH ITEM NO. 11, THE FINAL LEGAL AGREEMENT I GUESS WITH OUR LOST CREEK M.U.D. ISSUE. WELCOME, MR. RICHARDS.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS. I'M DAN RICHARDS. I REPRESENT THE CITY IN THE LOST CREEK M.U.D. ANNEXATION AND AS YOU MAY RECALL, LAST YEAR WE WENT THROUGH ARBITRATION WITH LOST CREEK M.U.D. AND THE ASH ARBITRATOR RULED IN THE CITY'S FAVOR ON THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT THAT WE NEGOTIATED WITH LOST CREEK M.U.D. THE DISTRICT FELT IT NECESSARY TO SUE THE CITY AND APPEAL THAT ARBITRATION RULING. I HAVE BEEN THROUGH THOSE HEARINGS THIS YEAR AND THE COURT HAS RULED IN THE CITY'S FAVOR TO ADOPT THE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT AS WAS NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE DISTRICT. BECAUSE OF THE PASSAGE OF TIME, AS THE COUNCIL IS AWARE, WE HAD TO MODIFY SOME OF THE DATES BECAUSE THE YEAR END HAD PASSED. SO UNDER THE AGREEMENT THAT WE HAVE STRUCTURED NOW, BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED NOT TO APPEAL THE COURT'S RULING THAT THIS WILL BE A FINAL JUDGMENT AND THIS WILL END ANY DISPUTES WITH LOST CREEK M.U.D. ON THIS MATTER. THE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT WILL BECOME CITY OF AUSTIN AT THE END OF THIS YEAR 2008. WE WILL BEGIN TO RECEIVE COMMERCIAL WATER, WASTEWATER REVENUES AT THAT TIME AND THE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WILL BECOME CITY OF AUSTIN RESIDENCE IN 2015. SO BY THE END OF 2015 THE ENTIRETY OF LOST CREEK M.U.D. WILL BE INSIDE THE CITY OF AUSTIN DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD THERE'S SOME PAYMENTS THAT LOST CREEK M.U.D. WILL MAKE TO THE CITY FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES. AS OF THE ADOPTION OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THEN THE SIGNATURE BY JUDGE COVINGTON AT THE END OF THIS MONTH, THE CITY WILL TAKE OVER OWNERSHIP OF ALL OF THE LOST CREEK FACILITIES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER. AND SO MY REQUEST TO THE COUPLE IS THAT YOU APPROVE THIS -- TO THE COUNCIL IS THAT YOU APPROVE THIS AGREEMENT SO I CAN GO TO JUDGE COVINGTON AND GET HER TO SIGN IT.

QUESTIONS FOR MR. RICHARDS, COUNCIL?

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. LET'S SEE, COUNCIL, WE HAVE A COUPLE OF FOLKS, BEFORE I ACTUALLY TAKE COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, I HAVE A COUPLE OF FOLKS WHO WANTED TO ADDRESS US ON A COUPLE OF THESE ITEMS IF I CAN GET THROUGH THIS REAL QUICKLY. JENNIFERJENNIFER GALE SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK ON ITEM NO. 3.

GOOD MORNING, MAYOR WYNN. AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, MARTINEZ, DUNKERLY, MCCrackEN AND COLE. GOODBYE TO OUR CITY MANAGER TOBY FUTRELL. GOOD MORNING, MR. McDONALD. I'M JENNIFER GALE, VOTES NO ON ITEM TWO, I MEAN YES AGAINST THE TWO NEW REACTORS TO OUR SOUTH TEXAS PROJECT. ON NUMBER 3, WE DON'T HAVE A TANGIBLE WAY OF COUNTING OUR VOTES. THE COMPUTER SYSTEM THAT OUR COUNTY USES IS COMPUTER. SO WE DON'T HAVE ANYTHING THAT CAN - - THAT SAYS THAT JENNIFER GALE VOTED AT SUCH AND SUCH PRECINCT. IT'S SIMPLY NOT THERE. THESE THINGS ARE EASILY MANIPULATED. I HAVE NEVER MET A COMPUTER PROGRAMMER THAT WOULD AGREE TO THAT. WE ARE SPENDING 904,035 FOR SOMETHING THERE'S NO PROOF TO. I WANT TANGIBLE PROOF. ON NUMBER 10, WE ARE GIVING THE -- WE ARE RECEIVING \$567,000 FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. FOR THE SAME ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM. WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP -- WHAT DO WE OWE THEM? ON NUMBER 12, YOU ARE ASKING FOR EMERGENCY PASSAGE ON CITY BOARDS AND -- AND COMMISSIONS TO CHANGE THE BYLAWS. WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA FOR THE EMERGENCY PASSAGE ON THOSE BYLAWS. ON NUMBER 15, FOR THE CITY OF VOLENTE, I'M SORRY, THE VILLAGE OF VOLENTE, THEY ARE ASKING FOR E.T.J. WHY DON'T WE SIMPLY ANNEX VOLENTE INSTEAD OF SWAPPING OUT OUR E.T.J.? ON NUMBER 19, WHICH WAS PULLED, 19 WAS PULLED? MAYOR?

Mayor Wynn: 19 HAS BEEN PULLED, CORRECT, WE WILL TAKE THAT UP LATER TODAY.

CAN I MAKE A QUICK COMMENT ON 19, PLEASE?

Mayor Wynn: YOU MAY, PLEASE DO.

WHAT IMPOSITION ON OUR CIVIL LIBERTIES WILL BE TAKEN BY FUNDING \$145,000 TO SUPPORT THE GAME PROJECT ON OUR PEOPLE. THE ONLY GAMES WE SHOULD BE HAVING ARE BOY SCOUTS, GIRL SCOUTS, CLUB OF AMERICA, I MEAN -- WE ARE -- WHERE OUR CHILDREN ARE ACTIVELY ENGAGED. THAT'S THE LEADERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL. I WOULD RATHER YOU DO THAT AND PUT OUR CHILDREN -- THAN PUT OUR CHILDREN AND OURSELVES IN JEOPARDY. ON NUMBER 52, ON THE NUMBER OF DISTRICTS, THE SELECTION OF -- OF THE SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS, AND THE TERM, THE LENGTH OF TERM, RATHER THE TERM OF OUR -- I WOULD RATHER THE TERM BE REDUCED SO THAT WE HAVE BETTER -

- MORE CHANCES TO VOTE. AND THE NUMBER NEEDS TO BE GREATLY EXPANDED SO WE HAVE MORE VOICES ON THE CITY COUNCIL FROM THE COMMUNITY. AND -- AND IT'S GOT TO BE SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS. NOBODY IS GOING TO VOTE FOR AN AT LARGE SYSTEM AND NEVER WILL. THANK YOU. [BEEPING]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, JENNIFER. COUNCIL, ON THE COMBINED ITEMS 5 AND 6, MR. JEFF JACK WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS US. WELCOME, MR. JACK. AND WHILE WE GIVE YOU SIX MINUTES -- AS OUR -- OUR AGREEMENT, PARKING AGREEMENT, AMONG OTHER THINGS WITH THE LONG CENTER.

MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M JEFF JACK. THE LAST SEVEN AND A HALF, ALMOST EIGHT YEARS I HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS FOR TOWN LAKE PARK. JUST BY CHANCE I WAS LOOKING AT THE AGENDA TODAY AND FOUND TWO ITEMS THAT DIRECTLY RELATE TO SOME OF THE UNDERSTANDINGS THAT THE COMMUNITY HAD WITH REGARD TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN FOR TOWN LAKE PARK. I'M PASSING OUT TO YOU MY COMMENTS WITH REGARD TO MY REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENTS THAT ARE BEFORE YOU IN ITEMS NUMBER 5 AND RELATED TO ITEM NO. 6. THIS IS SORT OF A BULLET POINT SITUATION WHERE I'VE TRIED TO LAY OUT SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT NEEDED TO BE VETTED WITH THE ENTIRE STAKEHOLDER GROUP BEFORE THIS AGREEMENT GETS VOTED ON. I'M ASKING YOU TODAY TO TO PULL THIS FROM THE AGENDA. GIVE THE STAKEHOLDER GROUP AN OPPORTUNITY TO SIT DOWN WITH THE CONVENTION CENTER FOLKS AND THE LONG CENTER AND WORK THROUGH THESE ISSUES. THESE ARE NOT UNSUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. THERE'S A VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH AT TOWN LAKE PARK AND THAT'S PARKING. WE ALL KNOW IT. WE'VE KNOWN IT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. BUT WE CAME TO AN UNDERSTANDING ABOUT HOW WE WERE GOING TO HANDLE THE PARKING EARLY ON AND IT AFFECTED THE MASTER PLAN. THE AGREEMENT SAYS, VERY CLEARLY, NON-EXCLUSIVE BASIS THAT THE PARKING WOULD BE AVAILABLE AND THE PARKER EVENTS CENTER, TOWN LAKE CENTER AND ONE TEXAS CENTER. BUT AS YOU GO THROUGH THE DOCUMENT, WHAT YOU FIND IS A PROGRESSIVE CHANGING OF THAT ATTITUDE TOWARD MORE AND MORE CONTROL AND LIMITATIONS ON THE PARKING. THERE ARE A COUPLE OF VERY BIG, IMPORTANT ISSUES HERE. NOWHERE IN THIS DOCUMENT DOES IT ADDRESS PARKING FOR PARK USERS OR EVENTS AT AUDITORIUM SHORES. THE WAY THIS DOCUMENT IS STRUCTURED, IT IS ENTIRELY FOR THE PALM HE EVENTS CENTER AND THE LONG CENTER. WE HAVE TALKED TO STUART STRONG ABOUT THIS. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS UNTIL TUESDAY NIGHT WHEN WE MET WITH THE PARKS BOARD ABOUT ANOTHER ISSUE. AND HE HAS NOT HAD THE OPPORTUNITY, I THINK, TO LOOK AT THIS IN TOTALITY, BUT BASICALLY THE IDEA THAT WE SIGN THIS DOCUMENT AND WORK OUT THE DETAILS LATER IS NOT GOOD LAW. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WORDS IN THE DOCUMENT ARE ACTUALLY CONSISTENT WITH THE UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMUNITY AND THE PARKS DEPARTMENT AND THE PARKS USERS. THERE'S SOME THINGS IN HERE THAT ARE TROUBLING TO US. UNDER OFF-SITE PARKING RIGHTS, UNDER ADEQUATE ACCESS, THERE'S A REFERENCE TO SURFACE ROADS. AS YOU ALL KNOW, WE HAVE MASTER PLANNED THIS PARK EVENTUALLY TO CLOSE RIVERSIDE. WE'VE GOT AN

INTERIM SOLUTION WITH DOWN TO TWO LANES, BUT WE DON'T WANT SOMETHING IN THIS DOCUMENT TO PRECLUDE WHAT WE ALL UNDERSTAND WOULD BE A FUTURE EVALUATION OF THAT OPTION WHEN WE HAVE ALL OF THE CORRECTIONS TO CESAR CHAVEZ IN PLACE. SO THAT IS A -- THAT IS A LAND MINE THAT WE PUT IN THIS DOCUMENT THAT MAY PRECLUDE US FROM MOVING FORWARD ON AN IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR THE PARK. AGAIN, IT DOESN'T TALK ABOUT PARK-RELATED PARKING AT ALL. ONE OF THE INTERESTING THINGS IN HERE IS THE -- THE PRECLUSION OF PARKING AT THE -- AT THE TOWN LAKE CENTER AFTER 2:30 IN THE AFTERNOON. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH, A LOT OF THE CIVIC GROUPS THAT MEET AT THE AUSTIN ENERGY LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM WOULD NOW NOT HAVE ACCESS TO PARKING IN THAT BUILDING THE WAY THIS DOCUMENT IS STRUCTURED. THERE WAS SOMETHING -- YOU WERE GOING TO PUT UP ON THE SCREEN FOR ME. I HAVE A DIAGRAM, JUST A CASE IN POINT OF SOME OF THE ISSUES HERE. THE SERVICE YARD THAT IS DEFINED IN THE MASTER PLAN THAT -- THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE A SHARED USE AREA WAS A VERY, VERY LONG DISCUSSION IN THE MASTER PLANNING PROCESS. THE IDEA WAS THAT WE WERE LIMITED IN SPACE AND THAT WE WERE GOING TO HAVE TO SHARE THAT SERVICE YARD BETWEEN THE BUILDINGS. THE BOTTOM DIAGRAM IS THE -- THE CONCEPT MASTER PLAN THAT WAS APPROVED BY ALL OF THE STAKEHOLDERS AND THE UPPER DIAGRAM IS THE CURRENT SITE PLAN. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN SEE THE COLORS, BUT WHAT WE HAVE NOW IS THE SITUATION IN THIS DOCUMENT WHERE THE SERVICE COURT COULD BE PARTITIONED OFF BY A MOVEABLE FENCE, ESSENTIALLY CUTTING THE SERVICE YARD IN HALF. SO WHAT HAPPENS WITH PEOPLE WHO GO TO THE CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE WAS THEIR VENDOR TRAILERS AND WAGONS IF THEY DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO THE SERVICE COURT, WHERE DO THEY GO. THEY HAVE TO GO PARK IN THE PARKING GARAGE, GUESS WHAT? THEY GET CHARGED FOR IT. SO THERE ARE LOTS OF LITTLE INTRICACIES IN THE UNDERSTANDING OF HOW -- HOW THE MASTER PLAN WAS REALIZED IN OUR ACTUAL DESIGN. THAT ARE NOT RECOGNIZED IN THIS DOCUMENT. AND WHAT WE WOULD SUGGEST TO YOU IS THAT WE NEED TO STEP BACK FOR A SECOND, GO BACK AND LOOK AT ALL OF THE ISSUES AFFECTING THIS PARKING, SERVICE YARD USE, WORTH ALL OF THE STAKEHOLDERS AND COME TO AN AGREEMENT ABOUT HOW IT'S GOING TO BE DONE INSTEAD OF STAKEHOLDERS FINDING OUT ABOUT THIS AT THE 11th HOUR, HAVING NO INPUT INTO IT AT ALL AND THEN FINDING OUT THERE'S ALL SORTS OF LAND MINES IN THIS ILLEGAL DOCUMENT. SO WE URGE YOU TO -- TO PULL THIS FROM THE AGENDA, GIVE US SOME TIME TO SIT DOWN WITH THE CONVENTION CENTER AND LONG CENTER AND WORK THROUGH THESE PROBLEMS. YOU HAVE GOTTEN A LETTER FROM LARRY ACHERS, FRIENDS OF THE PARK, THE PARK REPRESENTATIVES, STAKEHOLDER IN THIS PROCESS ASKING YOU TO DO THE SAME. WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONSIDERATION. YOU KNOW THIS IS -- THIS HAS BEEN A GREAT ENDEAVOR BY THE CITY OF AUSTIN. I DON'T THINK I'VE MET ANYBODY THAT HASN'T TALKED ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF THIS PARK PLAN. LET'S NOT -- LET'S NOT GIVE UP SOME OF THAT SUCCESS. WITH THIS CONTRACT. LET'S STICK TO THE STAKEHOLDER PROCESS, MAKE SURE THAT WE COME OUT OF THIS THING WITH AN AGREEMENT. ALL OF US ARE HAPPY WITH. AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER THAT AND DELAY ANY

ACTION ON THIS ITEM. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. JACK. QUESTIONS OF MR. JACK? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

Leffingwell: I HAVE A QUESTION OF STAFF, ACTUALLY.

Mayor Wynn: CITY MANAGER RUDY GARZA IS HERE. I THINK PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE. WELCOME, MR. GARZA.

I REALIZE IT'S SHORT NOTICE, BUT CAN YOU COMMENT ON THE -- IS THERE ANY CONFLICT WITH THIS PLAN AND THE TOWN LAKE MASTER PLAN.

COUNCILMEMBER, RUDY GARZA, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER. I BELIEVE MR. JACK REFERENCED THAT IT IS A NON-EXCLUSIVE AGREEMENT. THE PARKING GARAGE WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PUBLIC PARKING GARAGE AND WILL HAVE ACCESS TO INDIVIDUAL THAT WANT TO ACCESS THE PARK. CERTAINLY WE ROYCE RECOGNIZE THERE IS A LIMITED NUMBER OF PARKING IN THAT AREA. BUT THERE'S NOTHING IN THE AGREEMENT THAT WOULD PRECLUDE ANYONE FROM VISITING THE PARK TO PARK IN THE PARKING GARAGE.

Leffingwell: IS THERE ANY TIME SENSITIVITY TO THIS ITEM PASSING TODAY? ANY REASON? BECAUSE FRANKLY I HAVEN'T HEARD THESE CONCERNS BEFORE AND I WONDER IF WE'VE HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THESE CONCERNS WITH THE TOWN LAKE PARK FOUNDATION PEOPLE?

WELL, I WILL LET SOME OF MY STAFF TALK ABOUT THE TIME SENSITIVITY. I CAN TELL YOU THAT WE RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT EVENT, ESPECIALLY AT AUDITORIUM SHORES, MANY OF THOSE EVENTS ACTUALLY ARE SHUTTLED IN AND HAVE OFF-SITE PARKING, USUALLY PARKING IS HANDLED THAT WAY, EVENTHAT WAY, EVEN IF PARMER WERE TO BE OPENED IT'S INSUFFICIENT. THAT'S WHY THE PROMOTERS, INCLUDING THE PARKS DEPARTMENT PLAN FOR THE OFF-SITE PARKING AND SHUTTLE PEOPLE IN BACK AND FORTH TO THOSE EVENTS. BUT I WILL LET STAFF DISCUSS THE TIME SENSITIVITY.

WELCOME, [INDISCERNIBLE] MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL. THE PARKING CHALLENGE IN THAT AREA IS A CURRENT ISSUE AND WE NEED TO GET GOING ON THAT SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. WITH THE OPENING OF THE LONG CENTER. WE ARE GOING TO NEED TO -- TO SECURE OVERFLOW LOTS, JUST -- DATES ARE --

WE HAVE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE LONG CENTER AND WITH ALL OF OUR CLIENTS. WE'VE COVERED A LOT OF THIS INFORMATION WITH THEM. I'M DARREN UPCHURCH, THE MANAGER OF PALM PARMER EVENTS CENTER. WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER A PLAN. THAT PLAN INCLUDES THE AUSTIN ENERGY GARAGE AND ONE TEXAS CENTER. THAT'S AN ADDITIONAL THOUSAND SPACES. WHAT WE ARE DOING, I DO WANT TO ANSWER

ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT WAS PRESENTED. OUR SERVICE YARD HAS NOT CHANGED IN SIZE. THE FENCE THAT WE ARE ORDERING IS GOING ALONG THE LEASE LINE. SO NOTHING IS CHANGING IN THE SERVICE YARD. IT'S NOT BEING DIVIDED IN HALF. WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO DO IS COME UP WITH POSSIBILITIES OF ADDING ADDITIONAL PARKING IN THE AREA. A THOUSAND ADDITIONAL SPACES ON THE WEEKEND. WE HAVE COMMUNICATED VERY CLOSELY WITH OUR CLIENTS. WE HAVE A VERY GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THEM AND THE LONG CENTER. I THINK THAT YOU WILL FIND THAT WE ALSO HAVE A VERY GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AUSTIN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. WE DO TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT. WE HAVE THEIR CALENDAR, WE WORK CLOSELY WITH THEM. AND I THINK THAT IT'S A VERY GOOD RELATIONSHIP.

COUNCILMEMBER, I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO ADD AS PART OF THE 2001 LEASE AGREEMENT THAT WAS SIGNED WITH THE LONG CENTER, THE PARKING WAS ALWAYS MENTIONED SO I GUESS UP TO SEVEN YEARS AGO THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS LEASE THE ISSUE OF PARKING HAS ALWAYS BEEN OBVIOUSLY VERY PUBLIC IN THOSE DOCUMENTS AND IT'S BEEN DISCUSSED OVER THE LAST SEVEN YEARS. IN FACT OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS WE WOULD HAVE FINALIZED IT AND JUST WORK OUT THE DETAILS OF WHAT WAS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE 2001 LEASE.

SO THERE ARE A LOT OF DETAILS YET TO BE TALKED ABOUT.

WELL, IN FACT THERE -- THIS IS ITMENT THIS IS THE PLAN. UNFORTUNATELY BECAUSE OF THE LIMITATIONS AT THE PALMER GARAGE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE ADDITIONAL PARKING, I THINK THAT'S A BIGGER ISSUE IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA THAT WILL CONTINUE TO BE ADDRESSED. BUT THE PARKING AGREEMENT WITH PALMER THIS ACTUALLY SETTLES ALL OF THOSE ISSUES. ITEM 6 IS THE ACCESS ISSUE FOR THEM. SO AS FAR AS I KNOW, THERE'S NOT ANYTHING OUTSTANDING AFTER TODAY.

SO I GUESS THE QUESTION WOULD BE ASSUMING ITEMS 5 AND 6 PASS TODAY, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO SIT DOWN AND TRY TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE CONCERNS OF THE TOWN LAKE PARK STAKEHOLDERS AND SEE IF WE CAN WORK SOMETHING OUT TO ACCOMMODATE, JUST FIND OUT WHAT THEIR CONCERNS ARE, TRY TO WORK THEM OUT?

WE COULD CERTAINLY LISTEN TO ANY SPECIFIC ISSUES THEY HAVE. I WOULD JUST BE COMPLETELY HONEST, OTHER THAN -- OTHER THAN GIVING EXCLUSIVE PARKING TO CERTAIN GROUPS, I'M NOT SURE THAT WE COULD ACCOMMODATE ANYTHING. THOSE REQUESTS HAVE COME TO US IN THE PAST. SPECIFIC GROUPS WANTING EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE GARAGE. BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED NUMBER OF SPACES IT'S JUST NOT SOMETHING THAT WE CAN ACCOMMODATE AT THIS POINT. CERTAINLY WE WOULD BE GLAD TO --

OKAY, THANKS.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS?

COUNCILMEMBER.

Mayor Wynn: MR. JACK, IF A COUNCILMEMBER WERE TO ASK YOU A QUESTION, YOU'RE WELCOME TO APPROACH THE PODIUM.

Leffingwell: WHAT'S YOUR COMMENTS?

THANK YOU. TWO THINGS. WE JUST HEARD THAT THE SERVICE YARD IS NOT BEING REDUCED IN SIZE BECAUSE THE FENCE IS GOING ALONG THE LEASE LINE. THAT'S CORRECT. BUT THE LEASE LINE RUNS THROUGH THE MIDDLE OF THE SERVICE YARD. THE OTHER THING WE HEARD JUST A SECOND AGO IS THAT THE PARKING WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PARK PEOPLE. BUT THIS IS WHAT IT SAYS IN THE DOCUMENT, I'M GOING TO QUOTE, THE PALMER EVENTS CENTER PARKING GARAGE GATES WILL REMAIN CLOSED DURING NO EVENT HOURS -- NON-EVENT HOURS, GENERALLY WEEKDAYS, ACCESS WILL REQUIRE ACCESS CARDS ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT. SO SOMEBODY COMING TO OUR PARK OR AN EVENT ON AUDITORIUM SHORES ON THE WEEK DAY IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE A PREAPPROVED ACCESS CARD IN ORDER TO GET INTO THE PARKING GARAGE. THAT DOES NOT SOUND LIKE ACT. IT'S RIGHT HERE IN THE DOCUMENT ACCESS. IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THE PUBLIC HAS ACCESS TO THE PARKINGPARKING GARAGE FOR NON-EVENT PURPOSES, USE OF THE PARK, AUDITORIUM SHORES, IT'S IN THE DOCUMENT. WRITTEN THAT WAY. WE CAN TALK ABOUT WELL THAT'S NOT WHAT IT MEANS OR WE'RE GOING TO FIX IT LATER. YOUR APPROVAL OF THIS DOCUMENT IS VERY CLEAR. THAT'S WHAT WILL HAPPEN.

Mayor Wynn: MR. GARZA?

JUST A POINT OF CLARIFICATION, THAT SPECIFIC STATEMENT IS REGARDING THE FACT IS THAT THE COMMUNITY HAS BEEN ACCUSTOMED TO FREE PARKING AND WHAT WE ARE SAYING WITH THAT STATEMENT IS THAT THIS POINT THAT THE PARKING GATES TO ENTER THE GARAGE WILL BE DOWN, PEOPLE EITHER WITH AN ACCESS CARD OR WILL PAY THE FEE CAN ENTER THE GARAGE, IT WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PUBLIC PARKING GARAGE.

Mayor Wynn: SO THE GATE WILL BE MANNED.

THAT'S CORRECT.

Mayor Wynn: SOMEBODY -- THE PUBLIC HAS THE OPTION TO COME IN ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS AND PAY TO PARK IN THE GARAGE?

YES, SIR.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? ON THIS COMBINED ITEM 5 AND 6 FOR

DISCUSSION? THANK YOU. COUNCIL, WE ALSO HAD -- LET'S SEE. DEBBIE RUSSELL HERE SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK ON ITEM NO. 35. ITEM NO. 35 RELATES TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT. REGARDING OUR WEST BOULDIN CREEK PHASE B WASTEWATER INTERRELOCATION PHASE.

HI [INDISCERNIBLE] IS A SUBSIDIARY OF HALLIBURTON, HALLIBURTON IS A WAR PROFITEER, WE HAVE A RESOLUTION AGAINST THE WAR, WE SHOULD NOT BE REWARDING WAR PROFITEERS WHO HAVE MISUSED TAXPAYER DOLLARS SO FAR, SO THAT'S ALL THAT I HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THAT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. RUSSELL. THIS IS -- THESE ARE VERY TYPICAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT. I TRUST IT HAS COMPLIED WITH ALL OUR OF OUR PROCEDURES AS WELL AS STATE PROCUREMENT LAWS. THE FACT THAT IT'S ON THE AGENDA --

I SEE RUDY GARZA NODDING HIS HEAD IN THE BACK. I WILL DEFER TO HIM ON THIS ONE.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. COUNCIL, ALSO ITEMS 5 -- COMBINED ITEMS 52, 53, WE HEARD FROM JENNIFER GALE EARLIER, BUT ALSO DIANA CASTENADA WANTED TO SPEAK. WELCOME, DIANA. THIS IS BOTH SETTING A PUBLISH HEARING FOR TESTIMONY REGARDING SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS AND THE CITY MANAGER SETTING A BRIEFING PRIOR TO THAT.

THANK YOU, HAPPY NEW YEAR. I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU ALL FOR A FEW MONTHS. I ATTENDED A GOOD NUMBER OF THE CHARTER REVISION COMMITTEE COMMISSION MEETING REGARDING SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS, I JUST WANTED TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO PLEASE AND PERHAPS AS YOU ORDER THE CITY MANAGER AND YOUR LEGAL STAFF TO -- TO CONTINUE TO DO A GOOD JOB OF I OBJECT FORMING THE COMMUNITY. BUT INCREASE THAT -- GOOD JOB OF INFORMING THE COMMUNITY. BUT INCREASE THAT AVAILABILITY. I WAS AT ZARZAMORA PARK A FEW WEEKS AGO PLAYING BASKETBALL. PEOPLE AREN'T PICKING IT UP. I SUGGEST WE DO SOMETHING MORE VISIBLE AND SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE WHEN THEY WALK IN A PUBLIC FACILITY WILL SEE THAT THERE IS DISCUSSION AND THAT THERE IS -- THIS ITEM IS UP FOR POSSIBLE VOTING IN MAY. THE OTHER THING IS THAT WE ALSO DON'T REQUIRE FOR THE PUBLICATIONS THAT COME OUT, WHETHER IT'S THE NEWSPAPER OR THE COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS, REQUIRE IT MAYBE NOT THE RIGHT WORD BUT TO ASK THEM TO PLEASE -- PLEASE HAVE SIGNIFICANT SPACE ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES. ALSO WHEN YOU PUT THE ADS IN THE NEWSPAPER OR WHATEVER, IT'S AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION, THAT YOU ALSO PUBLISH THE MAPS, THE POTENTIAL MAPS THAT PEOPLE CAN HAVE AN IDEA OF WHERE THEY LIVE, WHERE THEY VOTE, WHERE THEY MAY CONCEIVABLY BE REPRESENTED BY SOME SPECIFIC CANDIDATES. I THINK ONE OF THE BIGGER ISSUES OVER THE YEARS HAS BEEN THAT PEOPLE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE MAPS LOOK LIKE, PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO VOTE FOR SOMETHING THEY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT. I JUST WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO PLEASE DO A MUCH BETTER JOB THAN OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS THAT I HAVE SEEN THIS COME UP OVER AND OVER AND OVER AGAIN. AND TO TAKE THE FEAR AWAY. PEOPLE ARE AFRAID THAT YOU CAN ONLY SPEAK TO ONE

COUNCILMEMBER BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONE THAT'S ELECTED IN YOUR DISTRICT. HAVING BEEN ON THE SCHOOL BOARD, BEING THE FIRST PERSON ELECTED IN A MAJORITY MINORITY DISTRICT, PEOPLE COULD ALWAYS COME TALK TO ME IF THEY WERE IN MY DISTRICT. I HAD OTHER PEOPLE COME FROM ALL OVER THE DISTRICT, THE CITY, THE AUSTIN ISD TO COME TALK TO ME ALSO. THIS DOESN'T PRECLUDE YOU HAVING ONLY ONE REPRESENTATIVE BECAUSE IT TAKES A MAJORITY TO PASS ANYTHING. SO THIS NEEDS TO BE MADE KNOWN, TOO, SO PEOPLE WON'T HAVE THE WRONG IMPRESSION THAT I CAN ONLY TALK TO ONE PERSON. BUT INDEED THEY STILL HAVE TO GET A MAJORITY APPROVAL FROM AN ENTIRE GOVERNMENTAL BODY, SPECIFICALLY THE CITY OF AUSTIN. I WANT TO -- TO THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS BACK TO US AS A COMMUNITY, THERE LEFFINGWELL, AND MR. MARTINEZ. JUST MAKE SURE THAT -- THAT THE PUBLIC IS COMPLETELY INFORMED AND HAS A BEARING ON WHERE THEY FIT IN IN THIS PROCESS. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MS. CASTENADA.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCIL, THAT'S ALL OF THE FOLKS THAT SIGNED UP WISHING TO ADDRESS TO GIVE US THEIR COMMENTS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. AS A REMINDER WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE FOR THE PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA. FURTHER COUNCIL COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, IF YOU WILL INDULGE ME, ITEM 57 IS AN ITEM FROM COUNCIL WHEREBY WE WOULD BE NAMING ANTALIA, TURKEY, AS A SISTER CITY TO AUSTIN. FRANKLY I WOULD LIKE TO GET THIS DONE WHILE WE STILL HAVE THE CROWD HERE SO FOLKS CAN SEE A REMARKABLE CITY, A REMARKABLE COUNTRY. WE HAVE A COUPLE OF GUESTS HERE.

I'M WITH THE AUSTIN ANTALYA CITY SISTER COMMITTEE. AS THE MAYOR SAID I HAVE A LITTLE PRESENTATION, I WOULD LIKE TO START WITH A MAP OF EUROPE, JUST TO LET EVERYBODY KNOW WHERE TURKEY IS IN CASE YOU DON'T KNOW. IF YOU LOOK AT THE MAP, SOUTHEASTERN PART OF THE MAP, YOU SEE TURKEY THERE. IT'S A MEMBER TO THE EUROPEAN UNION. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE, IS A MAP OF TURKEY. TURKEY IS ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS TEXAS. SO IT'S A BIG COUNTRY, ABOUT 70 MILLION POPULATION. YOU WILL SEE -- YOU WILL SEE ANTALYA IS IN THE WEST PART OF TURKEY ON THE MEDITERRANEAN COAST. WE ARE PROPOSING IT AS A SISTER CITY TO AUSTIN. AND I WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT SOME SIMILARITIES BETWEEN ANTALYA AND AUSTIN WHY THEY WOULD MAKE A GOOD CITY CENTER. THEY ARE BOTH GATEWAY CITIES CITIES IS A GATEWAY TO TURKEY LIKE AUSTIN. LARGE UNIVERSITY PRETTY MUCH LIKE AUSTIN. ANTALYA IS VOUNDED BY MOUNTAINS, FORESTS, MEDITERRANEAN SEA AND ANCIENT RUINS. IT IS CALLED THE CAPITAL OF TURKISH TOURISM. HAS A NUMBER OF HOTELS IN AND AROUND THE CITY. ANOTHER REASON WHY ANTALYA AND AUSTIN WOULD MAKE GREAT CITY CENTERS IS BECAUSE AUSTINITES DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT ANTALYA MANY OF YOU PROBABLY NEVER HEARD OF IT UNTIL TODAY. SAME THING GOES FOR TURKISH PEOPLE ABOUT AUSTIN. DESPITE THE FACT THAT ANTALYA IS A WELL KNOWN TOURISM CAPITOL, MORE BEDS ALONG THAN THE REST OF TURKEY, IT'S REALLY THE CAPITOL. IT HAS BLUE BEACHES, SUNSHINE, HISTORICAL SITES, HOSPITALITY AND VERY AFFORDABLE LOCATION, SO EUROPEANS, IN EUROPE IT'S

WELL KNOWN. LAST YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE MAYOR OF ANTALYA LESS THAN HALF OF THE A PERCENTAGE OF ALL OF THE TOURISTS THAT CAME TO ANTALYA WERE FROM AMERICA. NOT JUST FROM AUSTIN, BUT THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES. SO WE WOULD LIKE TO IMPROVE THAT. THOUSANDS OF TURKS TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES FOR VARIOUS REASONS, STUDYING, TOURISM, VERY FEW OF THEM END UP COMING TO AUSTIN BECAUSE AGAIN IT'S NOT VERY WELL KNOWN. AS I MENTIONED ALREADY, AUSTIN AND ANTALYA ARE HOME TO UNIVERSITIES, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, IN AUSTIN, THE MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY IS ONE OF THE LARGEST UNIVERSITIES IN TURKEY. IT HAS A NUMBER OF EXCHANGE PROGRAMS WITH MANY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, BUT NOT WITH THE U.S. ANTALYA WOULD BE A GREAT NATION FOR PEOPLE TO GO FROM HERE TO STUDY BECAUSE IT'S VERY SIMILAR IN SIZE TO AUSTIN. AND THE -- THE STUDYING IN ANTHROPOLOGY, HISTORY, THEOLOGY WOULD BE REALLY FRUITFUL IN ANTALYA. SIMILARITIES, BOTH CITIES HAVE ABOUT THE SAME POPULATION, ABOUT ONE MILLION. THEY ARE LOCATED ABOUT THE SAME LATITUDE SO THE CLIMATES ARE SIMILAR, WITH HOT SUMMERS, WARM WINTERS, BOTH HAVE INTERNATIONAL MUSIC AND FILM FESTIVALS. ANTALYA HAS ONE AS WELL. THE TERRAIN IS VERY SIMILAR WITH OTHER COUNTRIES, BOTH CITIES HAVE A NUMBER OF NATURE PARKS IN THEIR VICINITY AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEY BOTH START WITH THE LETTER A. [LAUGHTER] WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED?

THERE YOU HAVE IT.

OPPORTUNITY TO DIMINISH STEREOTYPES, THIS IS ONE THAT WE VALUE AS WELL. TURKS AND AMERICANS HAVE MANY STEREOTYPES OF ONE ANOTHER. CREATING A SISTER CITY AGREEMENT AND INCREASING THE TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE CITIES, ONE TO ONE RELATIONS SHOULD IMPROVE THAT TO REDUCE STEREOTYPES AND BUILD HEALTHY COOPERATION BETWEEN COMMUNITIES. IT TURNS OUT AUSTIN HAS I BELIEVE 10 SISTER CITIES THAT SHOULD BE ALREADY, NONE OF THEM ARE IN A MUSLIM COUNTRY. GIVING THE FACT THAT ALMOST A QUARTER OF THE POPULATION, IF NOT QUARTER ONE FIFTH OF THE WORLD POPULATION IS MUSLIM, IT'S TIME THAT WE HAVE A SISTER CITY IN A MUSLIM COUNTRY. IN AUGUST 2006, WE LED A DELEGATION TO VISIT THE CITY, THE MAYOR OF ANTALYA. THERE WERE 8 PEOPLE INCLUDING MYSELF AND THE DOCTOR ALSO WITH ME HERE. WE HAD A COUPLE OF PEOPLE FROM U.T., IN CHARGE OF INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS AND DEB DRAW WITH THE IC 2 INSTITUTE SETTING UP TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE PROGRAMS. WE HAD MYSELF AGAIN AND THE REST I GUESS ARE FROM THE CITY OF AUSTIN SO YOU KNOW THEM. BARRAZA, [INDISCERNIBLE] AND THE MAYOR. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] EASTERN STUDIES FROM U.T., THE STUDIES DIRECTOR AT ST. EDWARD'S DIRECT, THEY HAVE ALL BEEN TO ANTALYA. OUR DEVELOPMENT PLAN, WE ARE PROPOSING FOUR DIFFERENT PROGRAMS. FIRST ORGANIZED ANNUAL EVENTS PROMOTING THE TURKISH CULTURES TO AUSTINITES. TWO, ESTABLISH EXCHANGE PROGRAMS ON HIGH SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY LEVELS. THREE, ORGANIZE (INDISCERNIBLE) WITH ACADEMIC CENTERS LIKE U.T. AND OTHER UNIVERSITIES. COORDINATE CULTURAL EVENTS WITH SCHOOLS, MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES. THAT'S ALL I HAVE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. I'LL JUST SAY ANTALYA REALLY IS A REMARKABLE CITY. THE SIMILARITIES TO AUSTIN ARE QUITE REMARKABLE. IT ESSENTIALLY IS A PROVENCIAL CAPITAL. THE CITY ITSELF HAS AN ALMOST IDENTICAL POPULATION AS AUSTIN. THEY'RE SMALLER THAN US AS A CITY, BUT LARGER THAN US AS A METROPOLITAN REGION AND ECONOMY. SPECTACULAR SETTING. GLORIOUSLY, BEAUTIFULLY PRESERVED NATURAL AREAS IN AND AROUND THE CITY. RIVERS RUNNING THROUGH ITS DOWNTOWN. WATER FALLS CASCADING OFF THE CENTER CITY DOWN INTO THE MEDITERRANEAN. SPECTACULAR PLACE. AFTER SEPTEMBER 11TH, 2009, SEVERAL OF US WHO HAD BEEN ACTIVE WITH DIFFERENT CENTER CITIES, RECOGNIZED THAT WE DIDN'T HAVE A SISTER CITY IN A MUSLIM COUNTRY. ISTANBUL IS THE SISTER CITY FOR HOUSTON. AND I PERSONALLY BELIEVE IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE PERHAPS FIND AN APPROPRIATE CITY. TURKEY IS DISPROPORTIONALLY OFF THE CHARTS AS A MUSLIM COUNTRY, BUT QUITE SECULAR. ANTALYA, THE CITY OF ANTALYA HAS BOTHERED TO BUILD AT GREAT EXPENSE IN A CITY PARK, THEY CALL IT I THINK THE GARDEN OF TOLERANCE. TECHNICALLY SISTER CITIES, RELIGION IS SORT OF SET ASIDE STRUCTURALLY AND YOU FRANKLY TRY NOT TO HAVE RELIGIOUS EXCHANGE, BUT ONE CAN'T TALK ABOUT CHURL ACROSS THIS PLANET WITHOUT OFTEN TIMES TALKING ABOUT RELIGION. THE CITY OF ANTALYA IN ONE OF THEIR PARK HAS BUILT THIS GARDEN OF TOLERANCE AND A BRAND NEW, BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED AND BUILD SYNAGOGUE RIGHT NEXT TO A CHRISTIAN CHURCH, RIGHT NEXT TO A MUSLIM MOSQUE. ALL SHARING THE SAME COURTYARD. AND IN FACT, THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BEAUTIFUL ARCHITECTURE. THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, THE BISHOP, THE IMAN AND THE RABBI SHARE OFFICE SPACE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT. ESSENTIALLY IF YOU WANT TO GO TO THE CHURCH OR TO THE MOSQUE OR TO THE SYNAGOGUE, YOU HAVE TO WALK PAST THE OTHER TWO IN ORDER TO GET THERE. PRETTY REMARKABLE STATEMENT ABOUT THIS CITY AND FUNDAMENTALLY ABOUT THE COUNTRY. GIGANTIC TOURISM SPOT. THE EUROPEANS AND RUSSIANS CERTAINLY HAVE DISCOVERED ANTALYA, BUT FOR DIFFERENT REASONS WE AS AMERICANS OBVIOUSLY APPARENTLY HAVEN'T. BUT I THINK WHEN WE TRAVELED THERE, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS WAS EXTREMELY EXCITED WITH THE EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES. WE ACTUALLY MET WITH TWO DIFFERENT UNIVERSITIES THERE THAT DAY AND BOTH OF THOSE SCHOOLS ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT WHAT U.T. REPRESENTS FOR THEM AND WITH THEM. SO BETWEEN A CULTURE -- AND I REALIZE YOU CAN'T TALK ABOUT CULTURE WITHOUT TALKING ABOUT RELIGION. THE CULTURAL EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES, THE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY THAT'S HAPPENING IN ANTALYA, A VERY QUICKLY GROWING, REMARKABLY PROFITABLE, HIGH-TECH INDUSTRY AND IN PART CLUSTERED AROUND THEIR UNIVERSITIES IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR TECH SECTOR HERE, THEN FROM AN ACADEMIC STANDPOINT, GREAT, GREAT OPPORTUNITIES. LASTLY, JUST THE FUNDAMENTAL NATURE OF THE NATURAL SETTING THEY HAVE IN AN TA I CAN'T I THINK WILL STRIKE AUSTINITES AS SPECTACULAR. THE CITY CENTER WAS BUILT 3,000 YEARS AGO. REMARKABLE FOR US AS AUSTINITES TO GET TO KNOW ANOTHER CITY, ANOTHER COUNTRY WITH A DIFFERENT CULTURE AND INVITE THEM TO EXPERIENCE THE SAME THING WE HAVE HERE IN AUSTIN. WE'RE VERY PLEASED TO HELP SPONSOR THIS ADDITIONAL SISTER CITY AND I ENCOURAGE FOLKS TO BECOME

AWARE OF THE CITY AS IT FORMS AND CONTINUES TO DEVELOP THE FLOON HAVE MORE EXCHANGE BETWEEN OUR CITIZENS AND THE CITIZENS OF ANTALYA, TURKEY. THANK YOU. COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I WAS A CO-SPONSOR ON THIS AND I'VE NEVER BEEN IN ANTALYA, BUT I'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME IN ADONA, JUST EAST DOWN THE COAST. I HAVE A LOT OF GOOD MEMORIES. THAT WAS IN ANOTHER LIFETIME. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO VISITING YOUR CITY SOMETIME.

AGAIN, WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE APPROVING THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SIX TO ZERO WITH COUNCILMEMBER KIM OFF THE DIE ADD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. FOLKS, IF YOU COULD TAKE YOUR CONVERSATION OUT TO THE FOYER, WE HAVE MORE BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO. SO THE FIRST OF OUR TWO MORNING PRESENTATIONS WILL BE AN UPDATE ON THE 51st STREET WATER TOWER. IF YOU REMEMBER JUST THE LAST MEETING OR TWO, WE HAD A DETAILED PRESENTATION FROM OUR WATER UTILITY REGARDING IN A SENSE THE DESIGN OF THIS FIRST OF SEVERAL PROPOSED WATER TOWERS. AND WELCOME A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION.

GOOD MORNING. I'M THE AUSTIN WATER STILT DIRECTOR. IF WE COULD START MY PRESENTATION. AS THE MAYOR SAID, WE'RE HERE TO COME BACK ON THE 51st STREET TANK. I THOUGHT I'D START OFF REFRAMING THE ISSUE FOR EVERYONE. WAY BACK WHEN WE HAD PROPOSED AN ORIGINAL KIND OF STANDARD ELEVATED TANK FOR THIS PARTICULAR AREA. THAT'S THE TANK THAT'S ON THE LEFT OF THE SCREEN THERE. AFTER CONSIDERABLE NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERNS, WE WORKED WITH THE COUNCIL AND HIRED AN ARCHITECT AND CREATED A PROJECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THEY CAME UP WITH TWO ALTERNATIVE DESIGNS TO IMPROVE THE TANK AESTHETICS. ONE WAS WHAT WE TERMED THE ENHANCED COMPOSITE TANK IN THE MIDDLE AND THEN THE SECOND IS WHAT WE CALL THE LATTICE STYLE TANK ON THE OPPOSITE END. WE TOOK THOSE ENHANCED DESIGNS THROUGH THE BID PROCESS AND THE RESULTS WERE HERE ON THE SCREEN. THE LATTICE STYLE TANK WE JUST RECEIVED ONE BID AND IT WAS SHY UNDER 16 MILLION, AND ALSO JUST A NOTE THAT OUR DSMBR GROUP INDICATE THAT HAD THAT BID WAS NOT COMPLIANT WITH THE GOALS. WE ALSO TOOK BIDS ON THE ENHANCED COMPOSITE TANK AND THE RESULTS ARE THERE AND THE LOW RESPONSIVE BIDDER IS LANDMARK AT ABOUT 7.9 MILLION. WE PRESENTED THAT IN LATE JANUARY TO COUNCIL, AND THE COUNCILMEMBERS HAD SEVERAL QUESTIONS THAT WE'RE FOLLOWING UP WITH TODAY. ONE QUESTION FROM THE MAYOR WAS COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ OF SCALE, COULD WE REDUCE COSTS BY ADOPTING ONE OF THE STANDARDS? AND THAT WOULD LOWER COSTS OVER THE LONG RUN. WE HAD SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE LATTICE STYLE TANK AND HOW THAT MIGHT IMPACT RATES IN VARIOUS WAYS. AND THEN WE HAD A QUESTION ABOUT HOW CHANGES IN THE RATE STRUCTURE FOR RECLAIMED WATER MIGHT IMPACT OUR WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM. SO TO START OFF FIRST WITH THE ECONOMY OF SCALE

QUESTION, REALLY TO PARAPHRASE, THE QUESTION WAS COULD FUTURE TANK COSTS BE REDUCED IF WE USED THEM AS A PATTERN FOR ALL OUR WATER TANKS. WE WENT BACK AND CONSULTED WITH SOME FOLKS, PARTICULARLY OUR OUTSIDE ENGINEERING FIRM, CDM, WHO BUILT THE TANKS ALL ACROSS THE NATION. AND THEY THOUGHT THAT THERE WAS SOME POTENTIAL FOR REDUCING COSTS IF WE BUILT ADDITIONAL FUTURE LATTICE STYLE TANKS. BUT THAT COST SAVINGS WAS LIKELY TO BE SMALL. THAT SEVERAL -- SEVERAL REASONS FOR THAT. ONE, OF ALL OUR SIX REMAINING TANKS, ONLY TWO WOULD BE ABLE TO QUICKLY ADAPT THAT TH LATTICE TYPE DESIGN. THE OTHER TWO ARE DIFFERENT IN STYLE AND TYPE THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY MODIFIED TO WORK THERE. THE OTHER IS A TIME ISSUE THAT WE SEE THESE TANKS BEING CONSTRUCTED OVER ALMOST A 30 YEAR PERIOD SO THAT WILL REDUCE SOME OF THE BENEFITS OF THE ECONOMY OF SCALE. ON THE RATE IMPACT SIDE, I'LL GIVE A LITTLE BIT OF BACKGROUND ON OUR ANALYSIS HERE. RECLAIMED WATER RATES RIGHT NOW ARE ACTUALLY SET BELOW COST TO ENCOURAGE GROWTH OF THE SYSTEM. SEVERAL OF OUR WATER CUSTOMERS HAVE CONTRACTUALLY SET RATES WHICH CAN'T BE MODIFIED BECAUSE THE RATE WAS NEGOTIATE UNDERSTAND LIEU OF CONTRIBUTIONS OF INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE RECLAIM SYSTEM. OF THE CUSTOMERS THAT WE HAVE THAT WE COULD MODIFY RECLAIM RATES, THEY GENERATE ABOUT \$253,000 PER YEAR IN REVENUE. AND JUST TO KIND OF PUT THAT IN PERSPECTIVE, WE DID THE ANALYSIS THAT THE DAIRLG DEBT SERVICE ON THE LATTICE STYLE TANK, WHICH WOULD BE ABOUT EIGHT MILLION, FOR ASSUMING A 30-YEAR BOND AT FIVE PERCENT, THIS WOULD REQUIRE ABOUT 540,000 PER YEAR IN ADDITIONAL DEBT SERVICE TO FUND THAT EXTRA EIGHT MILLION. JUST SOME ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND, TOO, WE HAVE INVESTED ABOUT \$28 MILLION TOTAL SO FAR IN OUR RECLAIM SYSTEM. AND OVER THE NEXT 30 YEARS WE'RE PLANNING TO INVEST AN ADDITIONAL 174 MILLION FOR A TOTAL OF 202 MILLION AND THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE WHAT MIGHT BE THE EXTRA COST FOR EACH ONE OF THE TANKS IF WE ADOPT THE LATTICE STYLE TYPE DESIGN FOR THAT. AND I THINK IN GENERAL I'M TRYING TO CONVEY THAT THERE'S A LOT OF CAPITAL DEMANDS ON OUR SYSTEM. WE HAVE THE RECLAIMED WATER SYSTEM PLANT FOR IN MANY OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WE'RE WORKING ON. SO AS WE LOOK IT MAY THE FUTURE AT RATES WE'LL SEE INCREASED PRESSURE ON THE CAPITAL SIDE. OUR CURRENT RECLAIM WATER RATE IS ABOUT ANYWAY CENTS PER THOUSAND GALLONS. COMPARATIVELY AN AVERAGE COMMERCIAL POT ABLG RATE IS ABOUT 392. A COUPLE OF WAYS TO LOOK AT THE RATE IMPACT OF MOVING FORWARD WITH THE LATTICE STYLE TANK, ONE ANALYSIS WE DID IS IF WE WERE TO JUST PASS THAT COST ON TO THE NEWER AREA, WHICH I THINK THAT WAS ONE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WE WERE ASK. IF WE WERE TO RAISE ONLY RECLAIMED WATER RATES IN MUELLER AREA CUSTOMERS TO FUN THE ADDITIONAL EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS, THE RATE WOULD NEED TO CHANGE BY 334%, WHICH WOULD BRING THE RECLAIM RATE FOR MUELLER TO \$4.35 PER THOUSAND GALLONS. YOU COULD SEE THAT THAT WOULD ACTUALLY RISE IT SIGNIFICANTLY EVEN ABOVE OUR POTABLE RATE. THEN WE DID AN ANALYSIS THAT IF WE WERE TO PASS THE EIGHT-MILLION-DOLLAR RECLAIM COST ON TO ALL CONTRACT CUSTOMERS, ALL NON-CONTRACT RECLAIM CUSTOMERS THAT WE HAVE CURRENTLY THAT THAT WOULD RAISE

THE RECLAIM RATE. THEN THE LAST ANALYSIS WE DID IS NOT REALLY LOOKING AT THE RATE IMPACT ON RECLAIMED WATER, BUT JUST LOOKING AT THE RATE IMPACT IF WE TOOK THE ADDITIONAL EIGHT-MILLION-DOLLAR DEBT SERVICE AND SPREAD THAT ACROSS ALL WATER UTILITY CUSTOMERS. WE HAVE ABOUT 200,000 WATER UTILITY CUSTOMERS. AND OBVIOUSLY WITH SUCH A LARGE BASE AND INCLUDING WATER AND WASTEWATER REVENUES, THE IMPACT FROM A RATE PERSPECTIVE IS SIGNIFICANTLY SMALLER. IT WOULD RESULT IN A SMALL 12 CENTS PER MONTH OR TWO 10THS OF ONE PERCENT RATE IMPACT IF WE WERE TO TAKE THAT ROUTE TO SPREAD THAT COST OVER ALL CUSTOMERS. AND AGAIN, THIS IS JUST FOR THE LATTICE STYLE, THE ADDITIONAL COST FOR THE LATTICE STYLE TANK. THE LAST QUESTION THAT WE'RE ASKED IS THE IMPACT ON CONSERVATION. AND AGAIN, THIS ASSUMES THAT WE RAISE THE RECLAIM RATES TO FUND THE ADDITIONAL COST '. I THINK INTUITIVELY ONE WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT HIGHER RECLAIM RATES WOULD LIKELY DETER POTENTIAL RECLAIM CUSTOMERS FROM CONNECTING. THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THE RATE UNDER COST TO TRY TO HAVE PEOPLE CONNECT. AND MAYBE A CASE IN POINT, A UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS EXAMPLE, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS IS EXPECTED TO ULTIMATELY USE UP TO 600 MILLION GALLONS PER YEAR OF RECLAIMED WATER. THEY HAVE INVESTED SIGNIFICANTLY PRIVATELY TO CONSTRUCT WHAT WE CALL PURPLE PIPE OR RECLAIM PIPE THROUGHOUT THEIR CAMPUS AREA IN ANTICIPATION OF RECLAIMED WATER COMING. THE 51st STREET TANK IS A BIG PART OF US ULTIMATELY GETTING WATER TO U.T. AND I THINK IF THE COUNCIL WERE TO CHOOSE TO RAISE RECLAIM RATES TO FUND THE AT THAT LATTICE STYLE TANK THAT CERTAINLY U.T. WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN THAT DECISION AND U.T. WOULD BE A STAKEHOLDER GIVEN THEIR DECISIONS TO INVEST IN THE PURPLE PIPE NETWORK ON THEIR CAMPUS WAS BASED ON CERTAIN ASSUMPTIONS OF RECLAIM RATES STAYING AT A LOWER LEVEL. SO IN CONCLUSION, TODAY I THINK THERE'S STILL A COUPLE OF OPTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL. ONE IS THAT YOU COULD DECIDE TO GO AHEAD AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THE ENHANCED COMPOSITE TANK DESIGN THAT OUR ARCHITECTURAL TEAM CAME UP WITH. THAT'S ACTUALLY THE TWO TRANSACTIONS THAT ARE ON TODAY'S COUNCIL AGENDA, THAT THOSE BIDS AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES ARE READY TO GO. ALTERNATIVELY IF THE COUNCIL DECIDES THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE LATTICE TANK, THAT BECAUSE OF THE COMPLIANCE ISSUE WITH OUR DSMBR GROUP THAT WE HAVE TO REBID THAT LATTICE TANK AND WE WOULD PROBABLY ALSO REBID THE COMPOSITE TANK. I'M NOTING THAT THE REBIDDING PROCESS MAY INTRODUCE ADDITIONAL CHANGES TO COST STRUCTURE. OBVIOUSLY YOU WILL GET NEW BIDS, YOU MIGHT HAVE MORE BIDDERS. YOU MIGHT NOT GET ANY BIDS. THE COST MIGHT BE HIGHER OR LOWER. I THINK WE HAVE THAT \$16 MILLION AS KIND OF A ONE BID THAT WE KNOW CAME IN, BUT IF WE REBID WE COULD SEE THAT SHIFT A LITTLE BIT. IT'S HARD TO PREDICT THE EXACT RESULTS. I JUST WANTED TO NOTE THAT. WITH THAT WE'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTION THAT YOU MAY HAVE.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS OF STAFF? COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: SO IF THE COST OF THE LATTICE TOWER WERE PASS ODD ONLY TO THE MUELLER AREA CUSTOMERS, THE THE COST TO RECLAIM WATER WOULD BE \$4.35 AS

OPPOSED TO \$3.92 FOR TREATED WATER?

CORRECT. FOR JUST THE MUELLER AREA.

Leffingwell: AND IT WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 2.\$47 IF IT WERE SPREAD OUT OVER THE ENTIRE RECLAIMED WATER SYSTEM.

CORRECT.

Leffingwell: AND THAT WOULD NOT INCLUDE OTHER -- HALF A DOZEN OTHER WATER TOWERS. THAT WOULD BE ADDED TO THAT.

WE'RE ESTIMATING ABOUT 170 MILLION OF ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT FOR THE RECLAIM SYSTEM OVER THE YEARS. THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE COUNCIL MAY WANT TO ADJUST RECLAIM RATES IN THE FUTURE AS WE BUILD OUT THAT SYSTEM.

Leffingwell: AS I RECALL, THE ANTICIPATED BUILDOUT TIME FOR THIS ENTIRE SYSTEM THAT WE HAVE NOW WITH FOUR MAJOR RECLAIM LINES IS FOUR YEARS APPROXIMATELY.

FOR -- I BELIEVE FOR THE MUELLER-U.T. AREA.

Leffingwell: I'M TALKING ABOUT THE RED RIVER LINE, THE ONE OUT BY THE AIRPORT, THERE'S FOUR ALTOGETHER, I BELIEVE. AND MY RECOLLECTION IS THE WATER CONSERVATION POLICY CALLED FOR COMPLETING ALL OF THOSE PROJECTS IN FOUR YEARS.

Mayor Wynn: MAYOR PRO TEM?

Dunkerley: DO YOU PREDICT YOU WILL BE BUILDING IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS?

IN TERM OF THE RECLAIM TOWERS, WE'RE GOING TO BUILD A TOTAL OF SEVEN RECLAIM TOWERS. DUNK DID YOU KNOW HOW MANY?

SEVEN.

SO THIS 51st STREET TANK WOULD BE ONE OF SEVEN TOWERS.

Dunkerley: THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE COST OF THE BIDS THAT YOU RECEIVED ON THIS WERE ABOUT, WHAT, SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS BETWEEN THE LATTICE STYLE AND THE OTHER STYLE?

IT WAS ACTUALLY RIGHT AROUND EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS, THE DIFFERENCE TWIEWBL THE ENHANCED COMPOSITE AND THE LATTICE STYLE TANK. SO OVER -- APPROXIMATELY OVER

THE NEXT 30 YEARS IF YOU ASSUME THAT THAT'S THE STANDARD DIFFERENCE, THAT WILL BE ABOUT 56 MILLION IN COST OVER THE 30-YEAR PERIOD FOR A LATTICE STYLE TYPE STANDARD FOR RECLAIMED TANKS.

Dunkerley: ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? AND REGARDING THE TIMING, OBVIOUSLY WE WANT TO GET MORE CUSTOMERS ON SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. WHAT IS SORT OF THE CRITICAL PATH ON DELIVERING A TOWER THERE? AND FOR INSTANCE, YOU BROUGHT UP UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS BEING THIS POTENTIALLY VERY LARGE CUSTOMER OF OURS, AND THAT IS DRAMATICALLY REDUCING OUR POTABLE WATER DELIVERY TO U.T. I MEAN, ARE THEY READY TO GO? IS THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE? WHERE'S OUR CRITICAL TIME?

THEY'RE READY TO GO. THEY'RE PATIENTLY WAITING FOR US TO BUILD THE TANK AND EXTEND THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO THEIR CAMPUS. I THINK THE TANK TIME LINE HAS STRETCHED OUT LONGER THAN MANY ANTICIPATED BECAUSE OF ALL THE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS. IT BEEN SEVERAL YEARS TO TRY TO PUT THIS TANK TOGETHER. MAYOR, THERE'S NOT AN ACTUAL DROP DATE FOR U.T., BUT I THINK EVERYONE'S ANXIOUS WITH THE WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM, THE GOALS. AS COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL INDICATED TO GET THE WATER RECLAIM PROGRAM GOING IN A,, WE HAVE THE \$250,000 AND YOU CAN SEE THE AREA AROUND U.T. AND MANY MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSES, IT'S PRIME TO RAMP UP THE RECLAIMED WATER. I KNOW OUR STAFF IS ANXIOUS TO GET THAT SYSTEM DEPLOYED IN THIS AREA.

Mayor Wynn: THE MUELLER REDEVELOPMENT ITSELF, THROOD A HANDFUL -- THERE'S A HANDFUL -- THE FIRST IT PHASE OF THE HOMES ARE UP. THE CHILDREN'S CENTER IS UP AND THE RETAIL IS THERE. ARE ANY OF THOSE CUSTOMERS CURRENTLY ON OUR RECLAIM PROGRAM?

YES.

AT SOME POINT WITHOUT THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THAT TOWER --

YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND IT INTO THE OTHER AREAS TO EXPAND IT.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? SO THE ITEMS THAT STAFF HAS POSTED, THE COMBINED ITEM 33 AND 34 -- DELIVERING THE ENHANCED COMPOSITE, THE MIDDLE OF THE THREE TOWER PHOTOGRAPHS?

THAT'S RIGHT. THAT TANK HAS SOME OF THE AESTHETIC DESIGN QUALITIES THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD LIKED. AND VERSUS THE HIGHER LATTICE STYLE TANK.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS, QUESTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: ARE THERE ANY SPEAKERS ON THIS SIGNED UP?

Mayor Wynn: MY MACHINE SHOWS NONE.

Leffingwell: OTHERWISE I'LL MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS NUMBER 33 AND 34.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO APPROVE ITEMS 33 AND 34 AS POSTED AND PRESENTED BY STAFF. FURTHER COMMENTS? I'LL JUST SAY ALL OF US WANT TO HAVE AS GOOD A DESIGN AS POSSIBLE ON ALL OF THESE PIECES OF INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE BUILD, WHETHER IT'S CITY OFFICES OR WATER TOWERS. YOU KNOW, I COMMEND STAFF FOR TAKING AS LONG AND HARD A LOOK AS YOU ALL HAVE TO TRY TO HELP US AT LEAST COME UP WITH THIS ENHANCED DESIGN AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN TOIN PUSH THAT ENVELOPE AND CONTINUE TO TRY TO CHALLENGE OURSELVES INTERNALLY ON HOW WE CAN DELIVER THE BEST DESIGN POSSIBLE. AESTHETICS MATTER AND CIVIC PRIDE MATTERS, AND HOPEFULLY THIS CAN BE THE FIRST STEP IN EXPANDING THAT CONCEPT WITHIN OUR WATER UTILITY. AGAIN, MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE APPROVING ITEMS 33 AND 34. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER COLE.

Cole: I TOO RECOGNIZE THAT THE STF HAS TAKEN A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT AND WORKED WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS ON TRYING TO GET A WATER TOWER THAT THEY ARE PROUD OF AND AN URBAN DESIGN. AND THAT MUELLER IS ONE OF OUR STELLAR PROJECTS. BUT AS WE SEE A DECREASE IN THE GROWTH OF SALES TAX REVENUE AND THE NATIONAL TREND, I THINK WE NEED TO BE PRUDENT WITH OUR DOLLARS AND RECOGNIZING THAT WE HAVE OTHER TOWERS TO BUILD THROUGHOUT THE CITY. SO I WILL BE SUPPORTING THE MOTION.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER COMMENTS? HEEG HEARING? OPPOSED? -- HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.? OPPOSED. MOTION PASSES WITH COUNCILMEMBER KIM OFF THE DIAS. THANK YOU ALL. COUNCIL, WITHOUT OBJECTION -- EARLIER, ITEM NUMBER 19 WE'VE PULLED OFF THE CONSENT AGENDA BECAUSE WE HAD A HANDFUL OF FOLKS WHO WISHED TO GIVE US TESTIMONY. I APOLOGIZE FOR TAKING THAT UP EARLIER. I REALIZED MANY OF THEM ARE STILL HERE. ITEM NUMBER 19 IS TECHNICALLY A FUNDING AMENDMENT REGARDING GANG PREVENTION. AND I'M NOT SURE IF STAFF IS READY FOR A BRIEF PRESENTATION DESCRIBING THIS. IF NOT, WE CAN JUST TAKE -- CERTAINLY TAKE OUR CITIZEN TESTIMONY. CHIEF CARTER IS HERE. WE'LL WELCOME A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION FROM ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF CARTER AND THEN WE'LL HAVE TESTIMONY FROM INTERESTED CITIZENS. WELCOME, CHEAF.

GOOD MORNING, MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS. CITY MANAGER. MR. SMITH. ACTUALLY, I WAS PREPARED TO RESPOND TO CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS THAT PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE ON THIS

PARTICULAR ISSUE. I THINK WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS TO DISPEL OR CLARIFY SOME MISUNDERSTANDING THAT I THINK MAY BE OUT THERE. THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM IS GRANT, THIS POSITION WE'RE LOOKING FOR IS REALLY TO HELP WITH AN INTERVENTION AND PRESENTATION PROGRAM. I ACTUALLY HAVE THESE GENTLEMEN THAT YOU SEE BACK HERE ARE PART OF A JOINT TEAM BETWEEN AISD POLICE AND A.P.D. THEIR PRIMARY MISSION IS TO GO OUT AND ADDRESS THE 800 DOCUMENTED GANG MEMBERS THAT WE HAVE IN SCHOOLS. ALSO, THE TWO TO THREE THOUSAND YOUTH THAT ARE AT RISK. WITH THE SIMPLE MESSAGE IS THAT WE WANT TO PREVENT YOU FROM JOINING A GANG OR BASICALLY INTERVENE IN FOLKS THAT ARE ACTUALLY THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A GANG MEMBER. IT IS AN INTERVENTION PROGRAM. ITS FOCUS IS ON PARTNERSHIPS WITH EDUCATORS. SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I THINK PEOPLE DON'T ALSO UNDERSTAND IS RECOGNIZING THAT WE RECOGNIZE YOUTH AS BEING THE FUTURE OF AUSTIN IN OUR REGION. THIS PARTICULAR UNIT ACTUALLY SERVES OUR ENTIRE REGION. IT'S NOT JUST TRAVIS COUNTY, AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY AND AISD. THESE GENTLEMEN WILL GO TO WILLIAMSON COUNTY, OTHER SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT ASK FOR HELP BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE THAT COOPERATION, THAT COLLABORATION AND GETTING YOUR KIDS ON THE RIGHT TRACK IS VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. WITH THAT I THINK THE COORDINATOR POSITION IS ALSO SOMEBODY THAT WILL HELP THESE GENTLEMEN BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SO WE CAN ACTUALLY EXPAND OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS. AS YOU KNOW, CHIEF AS VAI DOUGH WANTS TO FOCUS ON YOUTH IN TERMS OF FUTURE PROGRAMS, WITH EXPLORER PROGRAMS, THINGS SUCH AS THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TYPE COUNCILMEMBER ALVAREZ FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL, THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL. AND ALL THIS TIES TOGETHER. AND I'M NOT SURE, BUT WHATEVER THE CONCERNS MIGHT BE, I'LL CERTAINLY TRY TO ANSWER THEM, BUT THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT THE PROGRAM IS ABOUT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, CHIEF. QUESTIONS FOR CHIEF CARTER? IF NOT, THEN WE WILL GO TO OUR CITIZEN TESTIMONY. OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS DEBBIE RUSSELL. WELCOME BACK. AND SOME FOLKS WANTED TO DONATE TIME TO YOU. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY HUNG AROUND OR NOT. IS SUE ANNE CAMPBELL HERE.

JUST JEFF JACK.

THEN YOU WILL HAVE SIX MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY ANNE DELLAN OSK.

SHE'S NOT HERE EITHER. WHILE THIS IS TRUE THIS GRANT ONLY FUNDS THE PREVENTION SIDE OF THINGS, EDUCATION. THE UNIT AND THE COMBINED TASKFORCE IS PART OF A GREATER PACKAGE OF PROBLEMS THAT ACROSS THE COUNTRY WE'VE SEEN. AND I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE HISTORY OF GANG UNITS, THE HISTORY OF TARGETING GANGS IN AND OF ITSELF INSTEAD OF THE CRIME THAT IS COMMITTED, THAT THAT COMES FROM LA, AND THAT COMES FROM A POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT WAS KNOWN FOR ITS OVERT RACISM WHO DIDN'T EVEN ALLOW UNTIL 1960 AFRICAN-AMERICANS OR HISPANICS TO BE ON THE POLICE FORCE. SO JUST WITH THAT IN MIND, I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE GANG UNITS ARE CREATED TO BE ISOLATIONIST FROM THE REST

OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THEY ISOLATE THEMSELVES, THEY FORM THESE TIGHT KNIT SUBCULTURES, WHICH ACTUALLY HAS BEEN COMPARED TO GANGS IN AND OF THEMSELVES, THAT HAVE RESULT UNDERSTAND A HIGH INCIDENTS OF CORRUPTION AND POLICE MISCONDUCT, INCLUDING POLICE OFFICERS PARTICIPATING IN DRIVE-BY SHOOTINGS OF ALLEGED GANG MEMBERS. CHICAGO LOCAL GANGS IMPORTING COCAINE FROM MIAMI. AND I'D LIKE TO ACTUALLY POINT CLOSER TO HOME IN HOUSTON, GANG TASKFORCE OFFICERS WERE FOUND TO ROUTINELY ENGAGE IN UNAUTHORIZED USE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS, WARRANTLESS SEARCHERS AND FIRING WEAPONS AT UNARMED CITIZENS. THIS WHOLE CULTURE PRODUCES WHAT IS PART OF THE LARGER PACKAGE OF INCREASED ENFORCEMENT AND LESS ATTENTION PAID TO ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION THAT FEEDS THE VIOLENCE. AND WHEN YOU PUT MORE SWAT TEAMS ON THE STREET TO TRY TO GET ONE UNARMED MAN OUT OF A HOUSE, WHEN YOU PUT CAMERAS UP, WHEN YOU ARE TRYING TO GET MONEY TO BUY MORE HELICOPTERS, WE'RE GOING TO START LOOKING LIKE LA PRETTY SOON AND THAT'S WHAT I FEAR ABOUT BRINGING IN OUR CHIEF, WHO WHILE HE'S GREAT IN MANY WAYS, IS TAINTED BY HIS EXPERIENCE AND IS NOT UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AUSTIN AND LA. AND IN HIS EFFORT TO PREVENT GANGS FROM RISING UP AND FROM YOUTH BECOMING GANG MEMBERS, I THINK HE'S BEEN BEEN -- WE'RE SEEING SOME OVERKILL. WHEN YOU DO THESE PREVENTION PROGRAMS, THAT'S GREAT. AND WE SUPPORT ALL PREVENTION PROGRAMS. LIFE SKILL CLASSES, EARTH START, THERE'S MUCH BIGGER AND BETTER THINGS THAT ARE PROVEN TO WORK THAT I HOPE THE PUBLIC SAFETY TASKFORCE WILL TAKE ON IF OUR TASKFORCE LEADER SO CHOOSES TO BRING TO US. BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE'S A LOT OF MYTHS OUT THERE ABOUT GANGS THAT'S BEING PERPETUATED AND THAT THESE GRANTS THAT WE'RE GOING AFTER ARE BEING JUSTIFIED WITH THESE SO-CALLED NUMBERS THAT REALLY THERE'S A LOT OF BASELESS NUMBERS. THERE'S FEWER GANGS NOW, GANG MEMBERS THAN THEY WERE A DECADE AGO OVERALL. THERE'S NO CONSISTENT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GANG ACTIVITY AND CRIME TRENDS. THIS IS ALL COMING FROM A REPORT I SENT YOU TODAY. AND -- IT CAME OUT LAST SUMMER AND BEEN LOOKING AT DATA IN THE LAST 20 YEARS ON THIS.

THERE'S THE ASPECT THAT GANGS ARE AFRICAN-AMERICAN AND HISPANIC, WHEN IS NOT WHITE, AND WHEN IN FACT THE MAJORITY OF GANG MEMBERS ARE KNOWN TO BE WHITE. AND THAT MOST GANG MEMBERS ACTUALLY OUT GROW THEIR GANG AFFILIATIONS BEFORE ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT INTERVENTION PROGRAMS COME THEIR WAY. SO THERE'S A LOT OF COMMUNITY-LED PROGRAMS THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT. SIGHFER IS ONE OUT OF THE SOUTHWEST KEY FACILITY. I FEEL JUST SEEING THIS IN ACTION, FEEL LIKE THERE'S A LOT MORE ON A VOLUNTEER LEVEL WITH VERY LITTLE MONEY THAN I THINK A LIFE SKILLS CLASS THAT IS COMING FROM FUNDS FROM HOMELAND SECURITY, WHICH HAS A LOT OF CAVEATS AND A LOT OF PROBLEMS INHERENT IN IT. THAT THAT COULD EVER PRODUCE. SO I'M REALLY CONCERN ABOUT WHERE WE'RE GOING WITH OUR POLICE FORCE, IF WE'RE OVERDOING -- DOING SOME OVERKILL HERE. IF WE'RE OVERMILITARIZING OUR A.P.D. BECAUSE OUR POLICE CHIEF HALES FROM THE MOST PROBLEMATIC PLACE IN THE NATION

AS FAR AS GANG AND DRUG PROBLEMS ARE CONCERNED. I INVITE YOU TO READ CHAPTER 5 OF THIS REPORT. THERE'S A LOT OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE CORRUPTION OF THE GANG UNITS AND ABOUT THE INEFFECTIVENESS OF THOSE UNITS AND THE DRUG WAR OVERALL. AND LIKE I SAID, UNDERSTAND THAT THAT IS WHERE IT COMES FROM, THE HISTORIC -- THE HISTORICAL BASIS OF GANG SUPPRESSION UNITS COME FROM LA, AND IT CREATES THAT CULTURE THAT WE'RE PLACING THIS PREVENTION PART IN, AND YOU CANNOT SEPARATE THEM. IT BREEDS MORE AGGRESSION, IT BREEDS AMPED UP POLICE TACTICS. IT BREEDS VIOLATION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES. IT BREEDS PROFILING. AND I THINK WE NEED TO ALSO LOOK AT THE FACT THAT IT -- [BUZZER SOUNDS] -- LESSENS THE TRUST WITH THE COMMUNITY THAT OUR NEW CHIEF HAS DONE A LOT TO BUILD, AND WE DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT GO AWAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. AND ALSO WISH TO GO ADDRESS US ON THIS ITEM WERE ANNE DELLANO AN ALSO SIGNED UP IN OPPOSITION AS DID TREVOR GOODCHILD. WELCOME. WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADDRESS US? WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

AS STATED MY NAME IS TREVOR GOODCHILD. I'M A NATIVE OF AUSTIN, TEXAS. I'M IN OPPOSITION OF THIS AND I WOULD LIKE TO DETAIL WHY. AS SUCCINCTLY AS POSSIBLE. DEBBIE HAS COVERED THE ISSUE WELL. FIRST I'LL START WITH MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. I GREW UP IN AUSTIN ON THE EAST SIDE AND AS AN CAUCASIAN WAS A MINORITY. I ALSO GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL ON THE EAST SIDE. THERE WAS A TIME ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO WHEN MANOR AND 51st STREET WAS NOT A SAFE PLACE TO WALK THROUGH, BUT I'VE SEEN IT GET SAFER AS IT WAS MORE GENERAL TRAFIDE. THIS IS THE WHOLE OF EAST AUSTIN THROUGH THAT PROCESS A LOT OF DANGEROUS AREAS HAVE BEEN MITIGATED. THERE'S NOT AN AREA OF TOWN TODAY THAT I FEEL UNSAFE WALKING THROUGH OR PRONE TO DRIVE-BYES. OR HAVE I HEARD OF ANY ACTIVITY TAKING PLACE. I WAS AT MY OLD HIGH SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD LAST YEAR AND THERE WASN'T ANY GANG ACTIVITY, ANY TAGGING AROUND MY HOUSE. JUST FAMILIES TRYING TO RAY CHILDREN. I AM ALSO AGAINST THE MILL TERRORIZATION OF OUR POLICE FORCE AND. IF INDEED THIS WERE TO BE USED, THE FUNDS BEING ALLOCATED OR ACTUALLY TRYING TO BE CHARTERED FOR THIS, USES A REAL FUND FOR PEOPLE, MY QUESTION IS HOW MUCH WOULD GO TOWARDS LIFE SKILLS EDUCATION OR JUST A VISIT FROM A STAFF MEMBER ONCE A MONTH. PERSONALLY I HAVE BEEN ON THE RECEIVING END OF PROFILING WITH EXCESSIVE MEASURES WHEN I WAS TASERED FOR PLAYING GUITAR ON SIXTH STREET IN 2005. THE CASE WAS DISMISSED, BUT IT PROVED TO ME THE RESULT OF OVERREACH THE POLICING. THREE YEARS LATER I WITH RESIDUAL BACK PAIN. PERSONALLY I DON'T OWN A CAR. I USE CAP CAP, CAPITAL METRO. THIS IS EYE LEVEL WITH WHAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED TO BE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE CITY'S UNDERPRIVILEGED AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS SUPPOSEDLY PRONE TO GANG ACTIVITY. I CAN TELL YOU AUSTIN THERE WAS MORE GANG ACTIVITY CREATED BY OVERPROFILING AND OVERPOLICING THAN UNDERPOLICING. IF ANYTHING, OVERPROFILING BY THE POLICE INEXPIRES ANIMOSITY TOWARDS A.P.D. AND LESS RESPECT FOR THE LAW WHEN THE LAW IS NOT EQUALLY ENFORCED OR IT'S OVERENFORCED. AS DOES THE IMPRISONMENT OF YOUTH FOR NON-VIOLENT CRIMES. AS A

SURVIVAL MECHANISM THEY OFTEN JOIN GANGS TO GET BY IN JAIL AND CARRY ON THE HABIT ONCE WE LEASED. HERE WE HAVE AN EXAMPLE OF OVERPOLICING AND WHERE EXCESSIVE JAILING IS NOT NEEDED. IT IS MOST LIKELY THAT YOUNG PEOPLE IN AUSTIN TEXAS WOULD LEARN QUICKER THROUGH A POSITIVE EXAMPLE THAN A NEGATIVE ONE. AT WHICH POINT THE FUNDING FOR SO-CALLED GANG SUPPRESSION WOULDN'T BE NEEDED JUST AS IT ISN'T RELEVANT NOW. TRUST ME, GREW UP ON THESE STREETS. I CAME FROM THESE STREETS. YOU CAN'T FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE. THANK YOU. [BUZZER SOUNDS]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. LET'S SEE, I BELIEVE THE OTHER FOLKS WHO HAD SIGNED UP -- ACTUALLY SIGNED UP NOT WISHING TO SPEAK ALSO IN OPPOSITION, THAT WOULD BE TRACY HAYS CIALTION IT HAYS AND SEVERAL OTHERS SIGNED UP NOT WISHING TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION. THEN COME FORWARD, MR. PENA.

THANK YOU, SIR.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

COUNCILMEMBERS, GUS PENA, SYMPTOM TOBY FUTRELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE HARD WORK AND THE GOOD WORK THAT YOU DID. I DON'T AGREE ON SOME THINGS, BUT I DO LOVE YOU AND I AGREE WITH A LOT THAT YOU DID. I GREW UP IN EAST AUSTIN. I'M A NATIVE AUSTINITE. LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT GANGS. I SERVED ALONG WITH JOE CON TEAR RA AND OTHERS ON MAYOR LEE COOK'S COOK'S GANG TASKFORCE. IT BROUGHT BACK A LOT OF INFORMATION. A LOT OF IT WAS IMPLEMENTED BY A.P.D. AT THAT TIME. WE WORKED WITH A COUPLE OF CHIEFS ON A CHIEF EVERETT AND CHIEF DIE SON. LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT GANGS. IN 1994 IT GOT SO BAD IN EAST AUSTIN. AND IN EAST AUSTIN, WE DON'T WANT TO STAY IN EAST AUSTIN. SOUTH AUSTIN, SOUTHEAST AUSTIN, GANGS WERE PREVALENT. I WENT TO VISIT SPECIAL AGENT JOHN MASPERO, A SPECIAL AGENT OF THE F.B.I. BACK IN 1994. I ALSO TOOK ONE OF OUR ASSISTANT CITY MANAGERS AT THAT TIME ON A LITTLE TRIP THROUGH EAST AUSTIN AND SOUTH AUSTIN TO SHOW HIM WHERE THE GANGS ARE AT. I WILL COMMEND MS. RUSSELL AND THE GENTLEMAN WHO WENT TO JOHNSTON HIGH SCHOOL AND GRADUATED FROM THERE. LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, THE GANGS ARE PICKING UP. WE NEED ANY KIND OF PROGRAM THAT WILL BE A PREVENTIVE EDUCATIONAL MEASURE TO KEEP THE KIDS OUT OF GANGS. THERE IS A BIG EFFORT OUT THERE BY SOME OF THESE HOOD LUMS IN AN ATTEMPT TO INCREASE THEIR GANG MEMBERSHIP AND THEY WILL TAKE VIOLENCE INTO EFFECT ALSO IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES. IF YOU DON'T WANT TO GET IN GANGS THEY WILL BE VERY VIOLENT. I WILL TELL YOU THIS MUCH. WE HAVE SOME OF THE MEANEST, ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS GANGS FROM OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES. I'M NOT GOING TO NAME THEM BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE THEM CREDIBILITY, BUT THEY'VE INFILTRATED OUR SCHOOLS ALREADY. FACT, NOT FICTION. I WILL TELL YOU THIS MUCH, ANYTHING THAT WILL HELP THE PUBLIC, THE KIDS STAY OUT OF GANGS, ITEM NUMBER 19, WE'RE ALL FOR IT. WE HAVE A BIG BUNCH OF PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT HAVE SAID LOOK, WE'RE TIRED OF THESE GANGS, PEOPLE BEING FOLLOWED AROUND. THE F.B.I. HAS THEIR LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS HAD ALREADY.

THE ISSUE IS THIS, THERE'S AN INCREASE OF GANG VIOLENCE. THERE WAS A DRIVE-BY LAST YEAR, I BELIEVE, AND IT WAS WELL DOCUMENTED. SO THERE ARE PROBLEMS OUT THERE. AND LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, WE NEED TO CURB THIS RIGHT NOW. IT HAS BEEN SAID, NIP IT IN THE BUD OTHERWISE IT WILL GET WORSE. EDUCATION IS VERY IMPORTANT, PRESENTATION. ONCE THE KIDS GET IN THERE, WE HAVE HAVE -- AND I DON'T DIALOGUE WITH THE GANG LEADERS, BUT IN '94 WE GOT SOME GANG MEMBERS OUT OF GANGS WITHOUT ANY VIOLENCE, WITHOUT AN EXIT. YOU KNOW WHAT AN EXIT IS, IT'S A VERY VIOLENT, VERY VIOLENT EXIT ROUTE BY THE GANG LEADERS AND THE GANG MEMBERS. CURRENTLY NOW WE HAVE SOME OF THE FORMER GANG HAD LEADERS THAT ARE OUT THERE THAT ARE OVERSEEING WHAT IS TRANSPIRING OUT THERE. THEY HAVE TURNED THEIR LIVES AROUND, THEY'RE RINERS. A WORD TO THE WISE, GANG MEMBERS, WE'RE OUT THERE AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO ALLOW YOU TO TAKE OVER THE KIDS. THEY NEED TO BECOME EDUCATED AND PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY. THIS IS MERELY AN EDUCATIONAL PORTION. I ALSO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS AT -- THIS IS GOOD. WE SUPPORT IT. WE NEED MORE HELP OUT THERE TO KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. PENA. SO COUNCIL, I BELIEVE THAT CONCLUDES OUR CITIZEN'S FESM ON THIS ITEM NUMBER -- TESTIMONY ON THIS ITEM NUMBER 19. COMMENTS? QUESTIONS OF STAFF? I'LL JUST SAY CHIEF CARTER DID A GOOD JOB OF BEGINNING TO ITEMIZE A VERY OBVIOUS SERIES OF PROGRAMS WITHIN A.P.D. TO DO JUST THIS. TO EDUCATE, TO TRY TO PREVENT. THE CHIEF'S EXCITEMENT ABOUT THE CITY MANAGER FUTRELL'S ROLE IN VK OUR CITY WORKFORCE MENTORING WITHIN IN THIS CASE AISD SCHOOLS I THINK WE'RE GOING TO SEE A.P.D. AND AT LEAST THE CADET CLASS AND PROBABLY IN A BROADER FORMAT PLAY THOSE ROLES AS WELL. SO I THINK THIS IS JUST ANOTHER STEP, AN IMPORTANT MARCH TOWARDS PREVENTION, EDUCATION, OUTREACH TO OUR YOUTH. AND I APPLAUD THIS. CHIEF?

MAYOR, JUST IN CLOSING AND RESPONDING TO MS. RUSSELL AND THE FOLKS ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE. THE THING THAT WE ALSO WANT TO STRESS WITH THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM, THE JUVENILE -- THE JOINT JUVENILE GANG INTERVENTION UNIT IS ACTUALLY FORMED AS A RESULT OF A BLUE RIBBON PANEL. I PREVIOUSLY TO ADDRESS ISSUES REGARDING GANGS AND ACTUALLY PREVENTING GANG DEVELOPMENT. THIS UNIT REALLY IS TO TRY TO FOSTER POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN THE POLICE AND THE YOUTH WHO MAY BE BROUGHT UP OR HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT A.P.D. OR POLICE IN GENERAL, WHETHER THE A.P.D. OR AISD OR THE SHERIFF. THAT'S WHAT THIS PROGRAM IS ABOUT. AND REALLY THIS PARTICULAR POSITION IS ABOUT MAKING THIS PROGRAM MORE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SO WE CAN EXPAND OUR OUTREACH, WHICH IS OUR ULTIMATE GOAL. AND WE DO HEAR MS. RUSSELL'S CONCERNS AS WE MOVE FORWARD.

THANKS, CHIEF. THAT WAS ACTUALLY THE POINT I WAS HOPING THAT YOU WOULD MAKE. I APPRECIATE THE CONCERNS THAT WERE EXPRESSED, BUT I WANT TO BE VERY CLEAR THAT THE MEN AND WOMEN THAT SERVE IN THIS UNIT IN NO WAY REPRESENT A GANG. THEY ARE IN FACT REPRESENTING THE VERY BEST IN POLICING AND TRYING TO BUILD

POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. AND IN EVERY INCIDENT WE HAVE DEALT WITH IN THIS COMMUNITY, THAT HAS BEEN A FOUNDATION ISSUE ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CONSTITUENT 17S ON THE OTHER -- AND CITIZENS ON THE OTHER SEND. TO ME THIS IS WHERE IT BEGINS. IT DPINS IN THE DISOOLZ AND IT BEGIN IN DEVELOPING A DIFFERENT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. I SEE THIS AS A VERY POSITIVE STEP, AND A COURAGEOUS AND INNOVATIVE WAY TO START MOVING FORWARD WITH THAT RELATIONSHIP. SO THANKS FOR THE CLARIFICATION, DAVID.

THANK YOU, CITY MANAGER. THE CREDIT FOR THIS GOES TO THESE OFFICERS AND DETECTIVES YOU SEE BEHIND ME. THESE GUYS ARE OUT THERE DEALING WITH THESE KIDS ON A PERSONAL LEVEL WITHIN THESE SCHOOLS AND THEY'RE ALSO WORKING WITH THE TEACHERS AS WELL.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, CHIEF. FURTHER QUESTIONS OF CHIEF CARTER? COMMENTS, COUNCIL? MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN TO APPROVE ITEM NUMBER 19, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL TO APPROVE ITEM 19 AS POSTED. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? THE MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SIX TO ZERO WITH COUNCILMEMBER KIM OFF THE DAIS. COUNCIL, THAT TAKES US RIGHT TO OUR NOON CITIZEN COMMUNICATION, JUST FOR THOSE WHO ARE PAYING ATTENTION. MY INSTINCT IS WE WILL TAKE THIS 30 MINUTES OR SO FOR GENERAL CITIZEN COMMUNICATION, WE DO HAVE A COUPLE OF ITEMS WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, WHICH WE'LL DO THAT AS WE TAKE A QUICK LUNCH BREAK AND THEN COME BACK IN EARLY AFTERNOON WE WILL HAVE THE PRESENTATION FROM OUR -- ON OUR DOWNTOWN AUSTIN PLAN.

OUR CITIZENS COMMUNICATION TODAY BEGINS WITH MR. TED LINDER. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY PAUL ROBBINS.

THANK YOU, SIR, COUNCILMEMBERS, MAYOR, STIRNL. I APPRECIATE THE TIME. I DON'T REALLY NEED IT. WE WORK IT OUT. THE SITUATION WE HAD ON COMAL WE DIDN'T QUITE KNOW HOW TO WORK THROUGH THE CITY, BUT WE STARTED USING YOUR SERVICES, GOT TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE, GOT OUR SITUATION SOLVED. I DIDN'T WANT TO JUST WASTE MY TIME AND NOT SHOW. I WANTED TO COME SAY THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR HAVING A GREAT SYSTEM WITH 311. ANY CITIZEN THAT DOESN'T KNOW ABOUT IT, WE NEED TO ADVERTISE IT BETTER BECAUSE YOU CAN FIGURE OUT JUST ABOUT ANYTHING GOING HAYWIRE AND GET IT FIXED. GREAT JOB. YOU HAVE A GREAT DAY. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: PAUL ROBINS, YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY CAROL ANNE ROSE KENNEDY.

COUNCIL, CITIZEN 'OF AUSTIN, I'M PAUL ROBBINS. I'M AN VIECIALT AN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST AND CONSUMER ADVOCATE. I'M HERE TO ASK YOU TO HOLD AN ELECTION ON

WATER TROOMENT PLANT NUMBER 4 AS REQUIRED BY ARTICLE 7, SECTION 11 OF THE CITY CHARTER. THERE IS AN OBSCURE SECTION OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN BUDGET, ONLY A FEW HUNDRED PEOPLE IN THE WHOLE WORLD KNOW ABOUT. IT'S NOT A FEW SECRET, BUT FEW PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT IT. IT'S SORT OF BURIED. IT'S CALLED FINANCIAL POLICIES. AND THESE REFER TO HOW THE CITY DEALS WITH FINANCING AND ITS INFRASTRUCTURE. GOING BACK INTO HISTORY OF HOW THE CITY TREATS REVENUE BONDS WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL IS VERY INTERESTING. COULD I HAVE THE FIRST SLIDE, PLEASE? THAT WAS OUR POLICY IN 1996. WE HAD NONE. PRIOR TO 1997 THERE WAS NO POLICY. WATER BONDS WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL WERE NOT CONDONED. IT WAS TOO CONTROVERSIAL. NEXT SLIDE? BUT IN 1997 THE COUNCIL RELAXED THIS SLIGHTLY TO FINANCE THINGS UNDER FIECH FIVE MILLION DOLLARS. THIRD SLIDE. AND THEN IN 1999 ALL PROJECTS IN THE PREFERRED GROWTH CORRIDOR WERE EXEMPTED AND THIS WOULD HAVE MEANT THAT THE OUT RAIN JUST PROPOSAL TO PUT A WATER TREATMENT PLANT IN AN EAST AUSTIN PARK WOULD HAVE BEEN TAKEN OUT OF VOTERS HANDS. NOTE THE EYE TALL SIZED PART BELOW THOSE PROJECTS LOCATED IN PREFERRED GROWTH CORRIDOR AND RELATED PLANNED EXPANSIONS WILL NOT REQUIRE VOTER APPROVED REVENUE BONDS. THEN THE FORTH SLIDE GOT KIND OF WORDY. BUT THE GIST OF IT IS IN 2005 THE POLICY WAS CHANGED TO ALLOW PROJECT OVERRUNS WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL, EVEN IN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS AS LONG AS IT DID NOT EXCEED 50% OF INFLATION ADJUSTED COST. COULD I HAVE THE LAST SLIDE? THE EYE TALLIT APPROVES THE PROJECTS APPROVED BY VOTER, BUT WHICH REQUIRE ADDITIONAL FUND TO GO COMPLETE THE ORIGINAL SCOPE. IT WILL ALSO NOT REQUIRE VOTER APPROVAL SUCH AS -- PROVIDED SUCH ADDITIONAL FUNDING AMOUNT DOES NOT EXCEED THE COST ADJUSTD FOR INFLATION. CONSIDER THIS. WATER TREATMENT PLANT HAS ADJUSTD FROM 143 MILLION TO \$170 MILLION. IT WILL PROBABLY BE MORE BEFORE IT'S BUILT. BUT AUSTIN RESIDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO VOTE ON IT. IS THIS A CONSPIRACY. JACKIE GOODMAN, THE FORMER MAYOR PRO TEM -- [BUZZER SOUNDS] -- TELLS ME THAT THE 2005 FISCAL POLICY WAS CREATED WITHOUT WATER TREATMENT PLANT 4 BEING CONSIDERED. SO INGS IT I DON'T THINK IT WAS A CONSPIRACY, RATHER IT IS THE BOILING FROG FE NONNIE DOTSON OF CHIPPING AWAY AT RIGHTS UNTIL PEOPLE FORGET ABOUT THEM. I'M OUT OF TIME AND IN CONSIDERATION FOR YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE I'LL WRAP UP BY SAYING THAT \$370 MILLION IS A LOT OF MONEY, THE VOTERS HAVE NEVER GIVEN THE COUNCIL PERMISSION TO REMOVE VOTER APPROVED DEBT, AND I'M ASKING FOR AN ELECTION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. ROBBINS. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS CAROL ANNE ROSE KENNEDY. SHE SIGN UP WISH TO GO WISHING TO ADDRESS US. AS DID MR. GUS PENA. WELCOME BACK. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY JENNIFER GALE.

THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, GUS PENA, AGAIN. I COULDN'T REMEMBER, I HAD A MENTAL BLOCK, BUT THE CITY CITY MANAGER WAS NAMED OSCAR RODRIGUEZ. A COUPLE OF ITEMS HERE. SUNNY MEADE APARTMENTS IS JUST EAST OF EAST OLTORF, SCHEDULED TO BE TORN DOWN. A LOT OF SENIOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES LIVE IN THAT COMPLEX.

FAMILIES AND OTHER POOR ACTUALLY. THEY'RE GOING TO TEAR DOWN AN AFFORDABLE UNIT AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO BUILD THERE, IF IT'S GOING TO BE AFFORDABLE. I DOUBT IT. BUT ANYWAY, IT'S GOING TO COME OVER HERE. YOU REMEMBER THE YOUNG FEMALE STUDENT WHO ACTUALLY SOME HOOD LUMS WERE NEEDING TO KIDNAP HER AN NOT HER BROTHER, BUT I WOULD REQUEST OF YOU, AND CITY MANAGER TO MAYBE HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR HER BECAUSE RECOGNIZING HER EFFORTS, BECAUSE IF IT WASN'T FOR HER, LORD KNOWS WHAT WOULD HAPPEN TO HER BROTHER AND WHERE HE WOULD HAVE BEEN IF HE WAS KIDNAPPED. AND I ALSO HAVETATED BEFORE THERE ARE SOME 911 OPERATORS THAT ARE NOT VERY PROFESSIONAL, VERY PATIENT WITH US. I'VE CALLED VARIOUS TIMES LAST YEAR AND THIS YEAR. I KNOW MAYOR BRUCE TODD AND THE COUNCILMEMBER AT THE TIME DID PASS A RESOLUTION STATING THAT VETERANS WOULD HAVE LITTLE PREFERENCE IN JOBS. ANYWAY, HISPANICS GET OUT THE VOTE. OUT AND SENIOR CITIZENS, YOU WILL MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE IN MARCH AND WHO GETS TO BE THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT. GET OUT THE VOTE AND THE VETERANS, WE HAVE A BIG BLOCK OF VETERANS. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY AGAIN. I DO APPLAUD ITEM NUMBER 19. A.P.D., YOU NEED TO DO A BETTER JOB OF BUILDING THE COMMUNICATION WITH THE CITIZENS ALSO. AND NOT PUTTING PEOPLE IN TIME OUT BECAUSE AN OFFICER FEELS HE'S THREATENED. I APPLAUD OUR OFFICERS, ESPECIALLY IN HENRY SECTOR. DARN GOOD JOB. GET SOME MORE OVERTIME FUNDING FOR THEM. WE NEED MORE OVERTIME FUNDING FOR THEM ON THE STREETS. THANK YOU.

Leffingwell: I WANT TO KNOW WHAT OUR CURRENT POLICY IN REGARD TO GIVING VETERANS SOME KIND OF CREDIT FOR THEIR SERVICE AND ALSO WHAT THE POSSIBILITIES ARE WITH REGARD TO THAT.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, JENNIFER.

HI, AUSTIN. MAYOR WYNN, COUNCILMEMBERS LEFFINGWELL, MARTINEZ, DUNKERLEY, MCCracken AND COLE. CITY ATTORNEY DAVID SMITH AND OUTGOING CITY MANAGER TOBY FUTRELL. CITY MANAGER TOBY FUTRELL, I HOPE ALL THE WORK, YOU SPENT MANY HOURS AND IT HAS PAID OFF FOR YOU AND WAS REWARDING FOR YOU. I HOPE YOU'VE MADE AUSTIN A MORE ENVIRONMENTAL, MORE FRIENDLY, THOUGHTFUL CITY, ONE WHERE PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO RAISE THEIR FAMILY AND LIVE THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY EVERYONE. HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW FLIRTATIOUS SOME PEOPLE CAN BE DURING THIS BLACK HISTO MONTH? JEFF WARD HAS SUGGESTED THAT WE HOLD A PARADE FOR OUR -- FOR THE UNITED STATES TOP DOG FOR WESTMINSTER. THE UNO WON AND IT WOULD BE NICE TO SHOW OUR TOP DOG SOME APPRECIATION RIGHT HERE IN AUSTIN. CONGRATULATIONS. I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT DRIVING IN AUSTIN. SINCE I MOVED BACK FROM DALLAS AFTER RUNNING FOR MAYOR, I FOUND THAT THE STREETS ARE FAR MORE TREACHEROUS AND FAR MORE DANGEROUS AS WE KNOW FROM THE INCIDENT WITH OUR FORMER MAYOR. WE NEED MORE SPEED LIMIT SIGNS. WE NEED BETTER LIGHTING. WE NEED BIKE AVENUES LIKE THE LANCE ARMSTRONG

BIKEWAY SO WE CAN KEEP OUR BIKES OFF THE SIDEWALKS AND OFF THE ROADS. I WANT THEM TO BE ABLE TO BECOME HEALTHY AND TO BE ABLE TO GET OFF THE STREETS. AND WE CAN BUILD THOSE. I WANT TO TALK ABOUT OUR CAP METRO BUS OPERATORS. I'M ASKING FOR A RESOLUTION JUST LIKE THE LAST ONE YOU DREW THAWP ENDED THE STRIKE. ANY POTENTIAL FOR A STRIKE, YOU'VE GOT THAT ABILITY. THEY'RE NOW DRIVING OUR -- OUR CAP METRO DRIVERS ARE DRIVING AROUND AUSTIN AND TRAVIS COUNTY WITHOUT A CONTRACT. THEY DON'T KNOW HOW THEY'RE GOING TO AFFORD THEIR MEDICAL BENEFITS. THEY LOST A QUARTER OF THEIR PAY THIS LAST TIME, ONLY FOR A YEAR CONTRACT. SO I'M ASKING FOR A FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT. COST OF LIVING RAISES JUST LIKE WE GIVE THE POLICE, FIRE AND E.M.S. NOT JUST LIKE THAT, JUST COST OF LIVING RAISES. AND MAKE SURE THAT THEIR MEDICAL IS PAID FOR AS WELL. THAT KEEPS UP FINANCIALLY. NOW, WE MIGHT NEED TO ASK AN INVESTIGATION ON WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING. I KNOW I DIDN'T GET A SCHEDULE. I DON'T KNOW WHEN THE BUS COMES. THERE WERE NO SCHEDULES SENT OUT. SO LET'S GET THAT RESOLUTION SO WE CAN GET OUR BUS OPERATORS A GOOD CONTRACT. AND THIS IS AUSTIN'S MARATHON WEAN. I EXPECT TO SEE EVERYONE OUT THERE. WILL THE MAYOR BE RUNNING THIS YEAR?

Mayor Wynn: HE WON'T BE. THANK YOU.

THANK YOU, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: I'LL BE CHEERING THEM ALONG. NEXT SPEAKER IS JIMMY CASTRO. WELCOME. TO BE FOLLOWED BY CYNTHIA VALDEZ.

THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, MAYOR WYNN, COUNCILMEMBERS, MS. FUTRELL. I DO HAVE SOME SLIDES TO SHOW YOU THIS AFTERNOON. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ON MY OWN BEHALF. BEFORE I START I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE CITY MANAGER ON RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF AUSTIN. MS. FUTRELL, YOU EARNED THIS RECOGNITION THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY. YOU WORKED FOR IT. AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE. THIS FIRST SLIDE SHOWS -- I'M HERE TO INVITE EVERYONE TO THE STAR OF TEXAS FAIR AND RODEO AT THE TRAVIS COUNTY EXPO CENTER FEBRUARY 29TH THROUGH MARCH 15TH. THE STAR OF TEXAS FAIR AND RODEO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS OPEN TO STUDENTS FROM 254 COUNTIES WITHIN TEXAS. THIS IS THE LARGEST YOUTH EDUCATION FUND-RAISER IN CENTRAL TEXAS. EVERYONE IS INVITED TO THE COWBOY BREAKFAST AT AUDITORIUM SHORES FROM 6:00 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH. CAPITAL METRO WILL BE PROVIDING RIDES FROM THE TRAVIS COUNTY EXPOSITION AREA. THE KIDS RODEO WILL BE HELD ON MARCH FIRST AT EIGHT A.M. SOME OF THE FEATURE RODEO EVENTS WILL INCLUDE BARREL RACING, CALF SCRAMBLE, BULL RIDING AND MUTTON BUSTING. THE CROWNING OF THIS ROADIO AUSTIN WILL ALSO TAKE PLACE. THE 2008 RODEO AUSTIN GALA WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THE BEST TEXAS BARBECUE, THE BARBECUE COOKOFF IS SET FOR MARCH 7TH THROUGH THE NINTH. LAST YEAR'S PROCEEDS GENERATED OVER \$200,000. KIDS WILL ENJOY KIDS TOWN AND THE PETTING ZOO. NEARLY 10,000 TEXAS YOUTH WILL BE LIVESTOCK PROJECTS THAT THEY

HAVE SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS WORKING WITH. OVER THE LAST 20 YEARS, THE STAR OF TEXAS FAIR AND RODEO AWARDED \$18 MILLION TO 13,500 KIDS. IN 2007 AT THE STAR OF TEXAS FAIR AND RODEO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM, AWARDED \$312,000. THE PREPARATION FOR THE SHOW IS A YEAR-ROUND ENDEAVOR. THIS IS A CLIMAX OF A YEAR'S WORK BY THE 4-H CLUB MEMBERS. THESE SCHOLARSHIPS WILL HELP THOSE WHO MIGHT NOT OTHERWISE HAVE HAD THE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY. THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN OF THE FUTURE FARMERS OF AMERICA WHO AIR THE BLUE AND GOLD JACKETS WEAR THEM WITH PRIDE BECAUSE AGRICULTURE GRA BUSINESS IN TEXAS IS GOOD BUSINESS. TODAY THE STAR OF TEXAS FAIR AND RODEO HAS MORE THAN 2,000 VOLUNTEERS WHO CONTRIBUTE THEIR TIME AND TALENTS. FINALLY THANKS TO THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF ESTABLISHED BUYERS GROUPS, AREA BUSINESSES AND THOUSANDS OF VISITER ', THIS HAS MADE THE TEXAS STAR AND RODEO THE SUCCESS IT IS TODAY. THANK YOU, MAYOR WYNN.

Mayor Wynn: CYNTHIA SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK.

[INAUDIBLE - NO MIC].

Mayor Wynn: ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, YES, SIR. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. WELCOME.

HONORABLE MAYOR, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M KENNETH COWEN, PSYCHO THERAPIST AND I'M HERE IN LIEU OF CYNTHIA VALDEZ. CYNTHIA WANTED TO SPEAK TO THE COUNCIL WITH REGARD TO THE SOUTHWEST KEY ADD ON OF ABOVE \$225,000, THE CAP FOR FUNDING WITH THE CDBG GRANT. IT WOULD TAKE THAT AND APPROVAL OF THIS COUNCIL TO DO THAT. CITIZENS HAVE BEEN BEFORE YOU WITH REGARD TO SOUTHWEST KEY, A PROGRAM THAT WAS BANISHED BY GOVERNOR RICHARDSON AND GOVERNOR GOLDMAN OF NEW MEXICO. THAT PROGRAM WAS A 24/7, 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK PROGRAM FROM WHICH THEY WERE BANISHED BECAUSE OF A SIMILAR SEX SCANDAL, SEX MOLESTATION OF AOUT KEPT IN A 24-HOUR FACILITY. THAT HAS BEEN A GHOST IN THE CLOSET FARCE TEXAS GOES, AS FAR AS THE STATION GOES. I'VE INQUIRED WHETHER OR NOT THAT THING COULD BE REGISTERED AS A SEXUAL OFFENDER UNDER THE TEXAS SEXUAL OFFENDER ACT. I'VE BEEN TOLD NOT IN TEXAS BECAUSE -- NOT UNDER THE LAW BECAUSE IT DIDN'T HAPPEN IN TEXAS. BUT I THINK THAT CITIZENS NEED TO KNOW THIS. AND IT IS A CRITICAL PART OF THE DECISION-MAKING WITH REGARD TO SOUTHWEST KEY. IT'S TIME FOR THEM TO COME OUT OF THE CLOSET WITH REGARD TO THAT KIND OF THING. IN REACTION TO VISITS WITH ALL COUNCILMEMBERS IN A PREVIOUS ROUND ON THIS KIND OF QUESTION, MIGHT BE MARTINEZ WAS ONE THAT ASKED, AND OTHER CONCURRED, THAT SOME KIND OF CONTRACT OVERSIGHT FOR NONPROFITS IS -- SO THAT THE CITY DOES HAVE A MONITORING FEATURE, A WAY TO QUESTION ILLEGAL OR UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICES, SOMETHING THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT. AND I URGE THAT THIS PROPOSAL THAT I'VE PUT FORTH ON NOVEMBER THE 16TH DIRECTLY TO STEVEN MORGAN BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED AS A PART OF THE QUESTION THAT YOU HAVE SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE THESE RECURRING KINDS OF GHOST IN THE CLOSET THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW

ABOUT. YOU PASS ON THE NONPROFIT. THEY DO SOMETHING AND DO NOT -- [BUZZER SOUNDS] THEY DO NOT PERFORM AND YOU DON'T HAVE A WAY THE CITIZENS BLEW THEIR MONEY. THANKS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. COWEN. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS DIANA CASS TA ANYWAYCASS TACASTANEDA. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

I HOPE YOU WILL BE PATIENT WITH ME BECAUSE IT'S HARD TO READ AND REALLY TELL YOU WHAT'S ON MY MIND AND WHAT'S ON MY HEART. COUNCILMEMBERS, SOUTHWEST KEY HAS JUST RECENTLY SPENT 60 MILLION OR SO DOLLARS TO OPERATE YOUTH DETENTIONS SISTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST. THEY STILL WANT \$600,000 IN CDBG FUN FROM US TO COMPLETE THEIR CHARTER SCHOOL NEAR THE AILING JOHNSTON HIGH SCHOOL. T.E.A. DID NOT APPROVE THE SOUTHWEST KEY'S APPLICATION FOR A CHARTER SCHOOL LAST TERM. AND THEY'RE APPLYING AGAIN. NOW THE MONEY THEY'RE REQUESTING IS TO FINISH A COMMUNITY CENTER ATTACHED TO THE SCHOOL FACILITY RATHER THAN THE SCHOOL. RECENTLY THEY RECEIVED APPROVAL FROM THIS COUNCIL FOR A CONTRACT TO MAINTAIN WATER TREATMENT PLANTS UNDER THE GUISE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS DOUBLE DIPPING. NOW CAN YOU SEE HOW THIS GROUP CONTINUES TO COME TO THE PUBLIC TROUGH TO BLEED TAXPAYERS DOLLARS THROUGH ALMOST ANY GOVERNMENTAL BODY THEY CAN? AGAIN, THIS IS DOUBLE DIPPING BY A FOR PROFIT. AS YOU RECALL, IN LATE SUMMER YOU ALL RECEIVED CALLS FROM DR. JONES AND HIS ATTORNEY AND (INDISCERNIBLE) THAT A PURPORTED MEETING FROM (INDISCERNIBLE), WHO WAS THEN THE LEADER OF SOUTHWEST KEY, BUILDING THE SCHOOL, HAD WITH THEM, THAT DID NOT OCCUR AS SAL HAD TOLD US AT OUR MEETING IN WHICH THERE WERE 10 PEOPLE PRESENT. CURRENTLY SOUTHWEST KEY IS USING LULAC TO CEASE AND DECYST OR THEY WILL SUE THEM IF THEY DON'T MUZZLE RITA. DO YOU WANT TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH BULLIES AND NON-TRUETT TELLERS? AND AND OTHERS WISH TO MEET WITH YOU TO DISCUSS THE DOCUMENTS HE HAS POOLED OUT TO YOU. ONE LAST THING, I WANT TO ENCOURAGE YOU, COUNCILMEMBERS, MAYOR, TO ASK CHIEF ACEVEDO TO SUPPORT THE ANTI-PROFILING RESOLUTION AND TO THAT END I'M READING SOMETHING THAT WAS NOT WRITTEN BY ME, BUT WRITTEN BY REVEREND PAT MATTER CONTINUE. FIRST THEY CAME FOR THE COMMUNISTS AND I DID NOT SPEAK OUT BECAUSE I WAS NOT A COMMUNIST. THEN THEY CAME FOR THE SOCIALISTS AND I DID NOT SPEAK OUT BECAUSE I WAS NOT A SOCIALIST. AND THEY CAME FOR THE TRADE UNIONISTS AND I DID NOT SPEAK OUT. THEN THEY CAME FOR THE JEWS AND I DID NOT SPEAK OUT BECAUSE I WAS NOT A JEW. THEN THEY CAME FOR ME, AND THERE WAS NO ONE LEFT TO SPEAK OUT FOR ME. AND THIS IS IN REGARDS TO THE SHERIFF AND THE ALLOWING ICE AND POSSIBLE PROFILING BY THEIR DEPUTIES TO HELP ICE RECOVER ILLEGAL ALIENS, WHICH IS NOT THEIR JOB, NOR IS THAT THE JOB OF PROVIDE FILING OF THE AUSTIN POLICE DEPARTMENT. AND SO I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I WISH YOU A HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY. AND TOBY, AGAIN, IN PUBLIC, THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS, YOUR WORK. I KNOW WE HAVEN'T ALWAYS AGREED. AND ALSO WITH THE COUNCIL, BUT GOSH DARN IT, YOU'VE DONE SOME PRETTY REMARKABLE THINGS AND I APPRECIATE THAT. AND I APPRECIATE YOU HAVING AN OPEN

DOOR WITH A LOT OF THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THANK YOU, TOBY, THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: PAT JOHNSON SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK?

PLEASE READ THE FIRST PACKET, THOUGH.

Mayor Wynn: WILL DO. PAT JOHNSON. AS DID DICK KELLERMAN. THERE YOU ARE. WELCOME, DICK. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. I WASN'T LISTENING TO THE RADIO THIS MORNING, AND IT MAY BE THAT QUUF ALREADY PASSED ON THE NUCLEAR POWER ISSUE AND TURNED DOWN THAT OPPORTUNITY.

Mayor Wynn: TECHNICALLY NOT. WE'RE GOING TO DISCUSS IT BRIEFLY IN CLOSED SESSION AND WE'LL COME BACK AT SOME POINT AND TAKE ACTION TODAY.

THANK YOU. I HOPE YOU DO TURN IT DOWN, BUT IT'S NOT THE LAST TIME YOU WILL SEE NUCLEAR POWER. I'M SURE THE LONGER WE DID HE LIE LOOKING AT THAT, THE LESS ATTRACTIVE IT WILL BE. I'M SURE WITH DELAY COMES THE DAWN WITH AN AFFAIR LIKE THIS. THERE'S GOOD REASONS WHY WE HAVEN'T BUILT A NUCLEAR POWER PLANT IN 30 YEARS IN THIS COUNTRY. IT'S MESSY ON BOTH ENDS AND MESSY IN THE MIDDLE AND NOTHING WILL CHANGE THAT. AND THE MINING OF URANIUM, IT'S DANGEROUS, IT LEAVES MATERIAL THAT NEEDS TO BE CLEANED UP AND IT POLLUTES GROUNDWATER AS GOLIAD WILL ATTEST IN TEXAS. HIGH LEVEL RADIATION RESIDUE IS -- NOBODY HAS A SOLUTION YET THAT I KNOW OF OF HOW TO GET RID OF THAT. SO THAT'S GOING TO BE A PROBLEM FOR A LONG TIME. I'VE TRIED TO THINK AFTER METAPHOR FOR THE PRODUCTION OF POWER BY URANIUM RADIATION, AND I THINK PLAYING WITH FIRE DISINLT DOESN'T REALLY TOUCH THE ISSUE. IT'S CERTAINLY MUCH MORE SERIOUS THAN THAT. HUMANS ARE FALLIBLE, MACHINES ARE FALLIBLE AND NUCLEAR POWER DOESN'T CUT ANY SLACK AT ALL. SO THAT'S THE CORE OF WHERE THE PROBLEM LIES.

> IN THE OLD DAYS WHEN WE NEEDED MORE ENERGY, WE JUST PRODUCED MORE ENERGY, BUT THAT WAS THEN AND THIS IS NOW. TODAY WE'VE GOT TO BE SMARTER. IF OUR POPULATION DOUBLES AND IN FACT WE HALF THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY PER CAPITA THAT WE USE, WE SOLVE THE PROBLEM. THAT MAY SOUND RADICAL, BUT THE PROBLEM IS SOLVED. PRAND BY THE WAY, IF WE CUT OUR ENERGY CONSUMPTION LIFE WILL GO ON. I'LL THANK YOU. HOPEFULLY YOU WILL TAKE THAT OFF THE TABLE TODAY AND PLEASE WE THANK YOU FOR THAT AND PLEASE KEEP IT THERE. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. SO COUNCIL, THAT CONCLUDES OUR SIGN GROWP THIS AFTERNOON'S CITIZEN COMMUNICATION. AGAIN, WITHOUT OBJECTION, I THINK THERE'S A COUPLE OF ITEMS WE NEED TO TAKE UP IN CLOSED SESSION WHILE WE GRAB A QUICK BITE

OF LUNCH. THEN WE'LL COME BACK EARLY AFTERNOON. MY INCONTINUING IS WE COULD BE BACK -- MY INSTINCT IS WE COULD BE BACK AS EARLY AS 130 FOR THE PRESENTATION OF OUR DOWNTOWN AUSTIN PLAN. WITHOUT OBJECTION WE WILL NOW GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION A 51.071 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT TO TAKE UP POTENTIALLY LEGAL ISSUES, ITEM 65 RELATED TO TRANSITION WITH OUR TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTH CARE DISTRICT, ITEM 66, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CITY MANAGER'S COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS RESOLUTION. ITEM 67, MANAGING GROWTH IN THE STATE HIGHWAY 130 CORRIDOR. ITEM 68, LIMITED ADJUSTMENT FROM OUR SAVE OUR SPRINGS INITIATIVE. ITEM 69, LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING CITY PROPERTY NEAR WEBBERVILLE. ITEM 70, POTENTIAL LEGAL ITEMS REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT. IN CLOSED SESSION WE MAY ALSO TAKE UP PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.072, REAL ESTATE MATTERS, ITEM 71 RELATED TO THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND/OR ITEM 72 RELATED TO A PURCHASE OF LAND FOR POTENTIAL SITE FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT NUMBER 4. AND WE MAY TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER 73 PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.086 OF THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT REGARDING PUBLIC POWER COMPETITIVE MATTERS REGARDING OUR ELECTRIC UTILITY. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION. AGAIN, I ANTICIPATE US COMING BACK PERHAPS IN ABOUT ONE HOUR TIME, 1 H 30 1:30 FOR OUR DOWNTOWN AUSTIN PLAN. WE'RE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: WE ARE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION. IN EXECUTIVE SESSION WE TOOK UP SEVERAL LEGAL MATTERS, ITEM NUMBER 66 REGARDING THE CITYCITY MANAGER'S COMPENSATION, ITEM 68 REGARDING A LIMITED ADJUSTMENT TO THE SAVE SAVE INITIATIVE. AND ITEM 69 REGARDING CITY OF AUSTIN LAND NEAR WEBBERVILLE. WE ALSO TOOK UP A COMPETITIVE MATTER REGARDING OUR PUBLIC UTILITY, ITEM NUMBER 73. I THINK WE CAN KNOCK OUT TWO QUICK PIECES OF BUSINESS BEFORE WE GO TO OUR DOWNTOWN PLAN. THE FIRST OF WHICH CAN BE, AGAIN, WE TOOK UP LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING A REQUEST FOR LIMITED ADJUSTMENT TO THE SAVE OUR SPRINGS INITIATIVE AND PERHAPS A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION. WLT MR. PATWELCOME MR. PAT MURPHY. MITZI COTTON AS WELL.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MITZI COTTON, ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY. THIS IS THE APPLICATION FOR A LIMITED ADJUSTMENT FROM THE APPLICATION OF S.O.S. REGULATIONS TO THE ENSEENO TRACT DEVELOPMENT ON SOUTHWEST PARKWAY. THEY'RE ASKING FOR A LIMITED ADJUSTMENT TO ALLOW THEIR DRIVE AND UTILITY LINE TO CROSS THE CRITICAL AND TRANSITION ZONES.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL. WE HAD THE LEGAL BRIEFING IN CLOSED SESSION AS APPROPRIATE, AND THEREFORE WOULD WELCOME A MOTION FOR THE ITEMS HERE IN FRONT OF US, ITEM NUMBER 74. ONE DID HE A CLAIREING OUR INTERPRETATION AND THEN ONE THAT DOES THAT AS WELL AS SETS THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: MAYOR, I'LL MOVE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL HERE BY DETERMINES PURSUANT

TO SECTION 25-8-555, THE APPLICATION OF CITY CODE CHAPTER 25-8 SUBCHAPTER 8 TO THE PROJECT KNOWN AS ENCINO TRACT ON SOUTHWEST PARKWAY, SITE PLAN NUMBER SP 2007-0438 CS MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECTION FOR A LIMITED ADJUSTMENT. AND FURTHER THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING TO HELP DETERMINE THE MINIMUM ADJUSTMENT TO COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS AND CONSTITUTIONS AND PROVIDE MAXIMUM PROTECTION OF WATER QUALITY SET FOR FEBRUARY 28TH, 2008 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

MOTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL, SECONDED BY MAYOR PRO TEM ON THIS ITEM AS WELL AS FOR SETTING THE PUBLIC HEARING. HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.? ALL IN FAVOR? OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SIX TO ZERO WITH COUNCILMEMBER KIM OFF THE DAIS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALSO, COUNCIL, IN CLOSED SESSION WE DID TAKE UP COMPETITIVE MATTERS RELATED TO OUR ELECTRIC UTILITY, GENERATION RESOURCE PLANNING ISSUES. WE HAD POSTED IT AS ITEM NUMBER 73 FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION. IT VERY MUCH RELATES TO ITEM NUMBER 2, AND WE'D WELCOME A BRIEF STAFF PRESENTATION FROM OUR INTERIM GENERAL MANAGER OF AUSTIN ENERGY.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. THE EXISTING PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR THE SOUTH TEXAS NUCLEAR PROJECTS ONE AND TWO STATES THAT ANY OF THE PROJECT PARTNERS, AND WE ARE PARTNERS IN THE PROJECT WITH NRG AND SAN ANTONIO, CPS ENERGY, ANY PARTNER CAN PROPOSE TO BUILD NEW UNITS AT THAT PROJECT. AND THE OTHER PARTNERS HAVE THE FIRST RIGHT OF REFUSAL TO JOIN INTO THAT PROJECT. THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT PROVIDES THAT THE PARTNER NEEDS TO PROVIDE THE OTHER PARTNERS WITH A FORMAL NOTICE AND REASONABLE DETAIL WITH AN ACCOUNTING OF COMMON FACILITIES FOR THE PROJECT, AND THAT THE PARTNERS RECEIVING THE NOTICE NEED TO MAKE A DECISION WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF RECEIVING THAT NOTICE. THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT ALSO PROVIDES FOR A METHOD FOR DIVIDING THE COST SHARE FOR THE COMMON FACILITIES ADDITIONS, REGARDLESS OF THE ROLL IN THE NEW UNITS AND FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF THE EXISTING COMMON FACILITIES RELATIVE TO THE REVISED PRO RATA SHARE OF THE COMMON FACILITIES. THERE'S COMMON FACILITIES LIKE ROADS AND PART OF THE OPERATIONS ROOM, THE MAIN COOLING RESERVOIR AND OTHER COOLING FACILITIES. WHAT I WAS SAYING IS EVEN IF WE DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN UNITS 3 AND 4 THAT'S PROPOSED, THERE WILL BE COMMON FACILITIES THAT WE WILL NEED TO NEGOTIATE REAM FOX NEWSREIMBURSEMENT FOR AND PARTICIPATION IN THE COST. TO REFRESH THE HISTORY OF THIS PROPOSAL, IN SEPTEMBER THE 20TH OF 2007, NRG SUBMITTED A COMBINED OPERATING LICENSE APPLICATION TO THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION. ON OCTOBER THE 29TH, THE CITY OF SAWBLES COMMITTED \$200 MILLION TO FUND THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT, ALTHOUGH THEY DID NOT COMMIT TO PARTICIPATING IN THE PROJECT, BUT RATHER JUST TO START TO FUND THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AND FEASIBILITY STUDIES. ON THAT SAME DATE, THE CITY OF AUSTIN RETAINED WORLEY PARSONS CONSULTING TO ASSIST IN THE EVALUATION OF THAT PROJECT PROPOSAL. WE DID INDEED RECEIVE A FORMAL NOTICE FROM NRG ON DECEMBER THE THIRD, AND THE 90 DAYS TO RESPOND EXPIRES ON MARCH

FOURTH OF THIS YEAR. THE PROPOSAL FROM NRG IS TO BUILD TWO ADVANCED BOILING WATER REACTORS WITH AN ESTIMATED NET CAPACITY OF UP TO 1350 MEGAWATTS EACH. THEIR ESTIMATED OPERATION DATES ARE 2015 AND 2016 FOR THE TWO UNITS WITH AN ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST OF SIX BILLION DOLLARS. AUSTIN CAN TAKE ANYTHING UP TO 16 PERCENT SHARE OF THAT PROJECT. IF WE WERE TO TAKE THE FULL 16 PERCENT, WE WOULD BE RECEIVING 432 MEGAWATTS OF CAPACITY FROM THE UNITS AT A CONSTRUCTION COST OF \$962 MILLION AND THEN OTHER COST ITEMS RELATED TO THE FACILITIES AND THE DEVELOPMENT. THE CONSULTANT THAT WE HIRED, WORLEY PARSONS, IS VERY EXPERIENCE UNDERSTAND NUCLEAR POWER PLANT CONSTRUCTION, PERSONALITYING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION. THEY INDEED ARE INVOLVED IN MOST OF THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS AROUND THE WORLD IN ONE FORM OR ANOTHER, EXTREMELY EXPERIENCED IN THIS FIELD. WE ASKED THEM TO LOOK AT THIS PROPOSAL TO US FROM NRG IN TERMS OF THE LICENSING AND ENGINEERING RISK, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION AND THE CONSTRUCTION AND THE SCHEDULED RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSAL. WE'VE ASKED THEM TO LOOK AT THE ERCOT MARKET ASSESSMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSAL AND THE PROJECT'S FINANCIAL ANALYSIS. THE CONCLUSIONS RECEIVED BY WORLEY PARSONS WERE THAT THE BUDGET AND THE SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY NRG WERE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC. THAT INDEED THEY THOUGHT THE PROJECT WOULD COST MORE THAN THE SIX BILLION DOLLARS PROPOSED AND IT COULD TAKE UP TO ONE TO TWO YEARS LONGER THAN THE SCHEDULE THAT WAS PROPOSED. THEY ALSO FELT THAT THE NOTICE SENT TO US DID NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS BECAUSE THE COST AND SCHEDULE AND OTHER ASPECT WERE NOT IN THE REASONABLE DETAIL THAT WERE NECESSARY UNDER THE PEANGS AGREEMENT. THEREFORE, THE RECOMMENDATION FROM STAFF IS THAT WE NOTIFY NRG THAT THE FORMAL NOTICE IS INADEQUATE AND NOT IN DETAIL AND THAT WE DECLINE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT UNDER THE TERMS PROPOSED. AND THAT IS CONTAINED IN THE RESOLUTION THAT IS IN THE STAFF BACKUP.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? I'M TRYING TO SEE IF WE HAVE ANY SPEAKERS SIGNED UP. WE DID HAVE A SPEAKER SIGNED UP EARLIER. WELL, MY COMPUTER'S NOT WORKING. COMMENTS? , COUNCIL? QUESTION? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I'LL MOVE APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION AS WRITTEN IN THE BACKUP.

McCracken: SECOND.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION AND A SECOND -- MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THIS ITEM, THIS RESOLUTION AS POSTED, THAT BEING FOR THE CITY NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN OWNERSHIP. I'M SORRY, MS. SPENCE, I CAN'T GET MY SPEAKERS SIGN-UP TO OPEN. IT SHOWS ONE PERSON? JENNIFER GALE SIGNED UP WISH TO GO SPEAK ON ITEM NUMBER 2. I DON'T BELIEVE JENNIFER IS HERE. AGAIN, WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE, APPROVING THE

RESOLUTION AS POSTED. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SIX TO ZERO WITH COUNCILMEMBER KIM OFF THE DAIS. AND THEN LASTLY, COUNCIL, JUST AS A CONFIRMATION, IN CLOSED SESSION WE TOOK UP ITEM NUMBER 66, LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CURRENT CITY MANAGER'S COMPENSATION. THERE WAS A POSTED POTENTIAL ACTION ITEM THAT ACCOMPANIED THAT, BEING ITEM NUMBER 75 WAS THE POSTED ACTION ITEM. I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION IF THERE'S IS WILL TO TAKE UP ITEM UNTIL SURVIVE. 75. HEARING NONE, THE ITEM IS WITHDRAWN. THANK YOU, MS. SPENCE. SO THAT -- COUNCIL, THAT NOW TAKES US TO WHAT GOING THE SEC OF OUR MORNING BRIEFINGS AND HOPEFULLY WE GAVE FOLKS ENOUGH NOTICE THAT WE WOULDN'T GET TO IT PRIOR TO OUR EXECUTIVE SESSION BREAK AND THAT IS THE PRESENTATION OF THE DOWNTOWN AUSTIN PLAN. WELCOME ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER LAURA HUFF MAN.

THANK YOU. MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS, WE ARE BEFORE YOU TODAY TO PRESENT PHASE 1 OF THE DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN. WE'RE PLEASED TO BE HERE. YOU ALL ESTABLISHED A VERY AGGRESSIVE SCOPE FOR THE DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN AND ASKED US TO MAWL THIS AS INCLUSIVE AS POSSIBLE A MASTER PLAN, PARTLY BECAUSE DOWNTOWN REPRESENTS AUSTIN'S AND THE REGION'S ECONOMIC ENGINE, BUT IT ALSO REPRESENTS THE HEART AND SOUL OF AUSTIN. AND FOR THAT REASON THIS PHASE 1 REPORT COVERS EVERYTHING FROM INFRASTRUCTURE TO HOW TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT LIVE MUSIC IN DOWNTOWN AUSTIN. I'D LIKE TO THANK THREE PEOPLE ON OUR STAFF THAT HAVE PLAYED AN EXTRAORDINARY ROLE IN SUPPORTING ROMA, WHO IS OUR SCOWNT THIS DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN, AND THEY ARE JORNG ADAMS, JIM ROBERTSON AND MICHAEL KNOX. YOU RECOGNIZE ALL OF THE NAME. THESE ARE THE GUYS THAT HELP US WITH EVERYTHING FROM DOWNTOWN MASTER PLANS TO TRANSIT ORIENTED DISTRICTS TO HOW TO DO MORE CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE DEVELOPMENTS IN AUSTIN. THEY HAVE REALLY PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN BRINGING THIS PHASE 1 PRODUCT TO YOU. THE OTHER THING I WANT TO TALK ABOUT IS JUST THE PUBLIC OUTREACH. IT WAS ONE OF YOUR POLICY GOALS THAT THIS BE AS INCLUSIVE AS POSSIBLE. EARLY IN THE PROJECT THIS GROUP MET WITH THREE DOZEN STAKEHOLDER GROUPS TO UNDERSTAND THE PRIORITIES AND CONCERNS FOR DOWNTOWN. WE CONDUCTED AN ONLINE SURVEY THAT ATTRACTED OVER 3,000 RESPONSES FROM PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY. ONCE THE PHASE 1 DRAFT WAS AVAILABLE, WE WENT BACK THROUGH AND HELD ANOTHER DOZEN STAKE HOLIER MEETINGS TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYBODY THAT WAS INTERESTED AND ENGAINING UNDERSTAND THIS PROCESS WAS AWARE OF THE FINDINGS. WE HELD A TOWN HALL MEETING WHERE OVER 300 PEOPLE TURNED OUT TO HEAR ABOUT THE PHASE 1 REPORT. AND PRESENTED IT JOINTLY TO THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND DOWNTOWN COMMISSIONS IN EARLY JANUARY. SO PHASE 1 HAS HAD A LOT OF PUBLIC VIEWING. TODAY

OUR GOAL IS TO WALK YOU THROUGH THE PHASE 1 FINDINGS. WHAT YOU WILL NOTICE AT THE END OF EACH SECTION, JIM ADAMS WILL TEE UP FOR YOU SOME POTENTIAL SCOPE ITEMS FOR PHASE 2, AND OUR GOAL IS ONCE WE COMPLETE PHASE 1, AND TODAY IS THAT FINAL DAY OF PHASE 1, WE'LL BE COMING BACK TO YOU ALL TO CRAFT A PHASE 2 SO THAT WE CAN DIG DEEPER INTO SOME OF THE REPRESENTATIONS THAT YOU WILL HEAR ABOUT TODAY. SO YOU WERE POSTED TODAY TO RECEIVE THE PHASE 1 REPORT. YOU ARE ALSO POSTED IF IT IS YOUR CHOICE TO GIVE US SOME GENERAL POLICY DIRECTION ON HOW TO APPROACH PHASE 2, BUT WE WILL INTEND TO COME BACK TO YOU WITH AN ACTION ITEM THAT THOROUGHLY SCOPES OUT PHASE 2 AND ALSO PROVIDES FUNDING FOR SCOPE OF PHASE 2. SO WITH THAT EYE LIKE TO ASK JIM ADAMS TO GO AHEAD AND TAKE OVER AND WALK US ALL THROUGH THE PHASE 1 FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. WELCOME, JIM.

MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY. I'D LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE, WE HAVE A VERY LARGE TEAM OF PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE ASSISTING US IN THIS ENDEAVOR. OUR PARTNERS, HRNA AND JOHN ALESHIRE ARE HERE TODAY TO HELP US MAKE THE PRESENTATION. THE GOAL OF THE PHASE 1 EFFORT HAS BEEN TO REALLY IDENTIFY WHAT THE ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES ARE IN THE DOWNTOWN, TO LISTEN CAREFULLY TO THE STAKE HOLDERS AND TO THE COMMUNITY AND REALLY DO A DIAGNOSTIC ASSESSMENT OF WHERE DOWNTOWN IS TODAY. I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS, AND LAURA SAID IT VERY WELL, IS THAT DOWNTOWN IS THE HEART AN SOUL OF THIS REGION. DOWNTOWN REPRESENTS REALLY -- IT CREATES THE IDENTITY FOR THE REGION. THE VALUES OF THIS COMMUNITY ARE REALLY EMULATED IN THE DOWNTOWN AND SO ITS HELP IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE OVERALL HEALTH OF THE REGION. JUST LOOKING AT THE DOWNTOWN ITSELF REPRESENT A VERY SMALL PORTION OF THE LAND AREA, JUST OVER HALF A PERCENT OF THE LAND AREA, YET IT GENERATES MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT OF THE PROPERTY TAX. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. AND IN TERMS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, DOWNTOWN IS THE AREA WHERE WE CAN ACHIEVE THE ECT VISION OF A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY. AND THIS IS A MATRIX THAT SHOWS A COMPARE -- A DENSE COMPACT NEIGHBORHOOD WITH THE AVERAGE -- WITH AN AVERAGE SUBURBAN NEIGHBORHOOD, SOME OF THE THING TO LOOK AT HERE ARE THE AMOUNT OF LAND THAT IS CONSUMED BY SUBURBAN SPRAWL VERSUS COMPACT URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS. THE AMOUNT OF VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED. AND THE COST OF OWNING AN AUTOMOBILE IN A DOWNTOWN AREA. CREATING THE DOWNTOWN PLAN REALLY OFFERS US THE OPPORTUNITY TO GUIDE DEVELOPMENT IN A WAY THAT CAN ACHIEVE IS COMMUNITY'S CORE VALUES. AND WHEN WE SPOKE WITH THE COMMUNITY, THERE WAS A LOT OF CONCERNS THAT SOME OF THESE CORE VALUES ARE STARTING TO BECOME THREATENED AS DEVELOPMENT -- WE'RE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE A VIABLE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE DOWNTOWN WITH DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE ALSO SEEING CERTAIN THINGS AT RISK. AND THESE ARE THE CORE VALUES THAT THE COMMUNITY TALKED ABOUT WITH US, AND THE DOWNTOWN PLAN REALLY OFFERS US AGAIN THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROTECT THOSE AND TO REALLY PROMOTE LIVEABILITY, SUSTAIN ABLGHT, DIVERSITY, AUTHENTICITY,

CREATING AN ENGAGING DOWNTOWN AND ONE THAT'S RESPECTFUL OF ITS HISTORY AND CULTURE. WE'VE DIVIDED THIS PRESENTATION -- THIS IS AN ABBREVIATED VERSION OF WHAT IS ON THE WEB. WE'VE TRIED TO CONCENTRATE THIS DOWN TO THE MAJOR POINTS. WE'VE DIVIDE IT HAD INTO FOUR PARNTS, WHICH WE THINK ARE THE FOUR FOUNDATIONS OF WHAT THE DOWNTOWN AUSTIN PLAN NEEDS TO DO. PHYSICAL FORM IN PLACE, I WILL TALK ABOUT THIS. JANA MCCANN FROM ROMA WILL TALK ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY AND MOBILITY. JOHN FROM HRNA WILL TALK ABOUT ECONOMIC VIABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY AND DIVERSITY AND WE WILL CONCLUDE THE PRESENTATION WITH WHAT WE THINK THE FIVE PRIORITIES ARE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE PLAN. THESE, OUR RECOMMENDATIONS RELATIVE TO PHYSICAL FORM AND PLACE. CREATING A STRONGER PLACE IN THE DOWNTOWN WE BELIEVE CAN BE ACHIEVED BY DEFINING FORM DISTRICTS THAT PRESERVE THE UNIQUE QUALITIES OF THE DOWNTOWN. DOWNTOWN IS A VERY LARGE AREA, 900 ACRES. THERE ARE UNIQUE PARTS OF IT THAT HAVE THEIR OWN QUALITIES AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT. THERE ARE PRIORITY USES. LIVE MUSIC WAS MENTIONED THAT SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED IN PARTICULAR AREAS OF THE DOWNTOWN. WE WILL TALK ABOUT THAT. THERE NEEDS TO BE SPECIFIC DESIGN REGULATIONS THAT ARE DEVELOPED BY DISTRICT TO PRESERVE THE QUALITIES AND CRACK TICKS OF THOSE AREAS AND ALSO TO ALLOW INTENSIFICATION TO OCCUR BECAUSE FOR DOWNTOWN TO SURVIVE, WE DO NEED TO ALLOW DEVELOPMENT TO CONTINUE TO BE ABLE TO HAPPEN IN THE DOWNTOWN. AND THE FOURTH RECOMMENDATION IS TO CONSTRUCT AN INCENTIVES PROGRAM, DENSITY BONUS PROGRAM THAT WILL BE UNDERSTANDABLE, PREDICTABLE AND ADMINISTRATIVELY OPERATED IN THE DOWNTOWN. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DID VERY EARLY ON IS WE MAPPED THE ENTIRE DOWNTOWN PARCEL BY PARCEL TO DETERMINE WHAT THE DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY IS. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE'VE CONCLUDED IS THAT DOWNTOWN, THE TRADITIONAL DOWNTOWN OF THE CDBG IS REACHING ITS CAPACITY. ALL OF THE RED SITES ON THIS MAP ARE SITES THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE WILL BE DEVELOPED -- DEVELOPABLE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. SOME OF THEM ARE PARKS AND THE CAPITOL OF COURSE WHICH WILL NEVER BE DWOND. BUT WE ESTIMATE THAT THERE IS PROBABLY OVERALL 24 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE EXISTING DENSITIES THAT ARE ALLOWED, THE CAPITOL VIEWS. BUT ONE THING THAT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE IS THAT 10 PERCENT -- LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THAT LAND IS IN SITES THAT ARE GREATER THAN ONE QUARTER BLOCK IN AREA SO TO ACHIEVE THAT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT BECAUSE IT'S DIFFICULT TO BUILD ON SMALL LOTS AND TO ACHIEVE PARKING, ON SITE PARKING REQUIREMENTS, WHICH MEANS RELIEVING THE BURDEN OF ON-SITE PARKING IS GOING TO BE A VERY IMPORTANT ASPECT OF WHAT WE WILL RECOMMEND AS PART OF THE DOWNTOWN PLAN. THE OTHER THING THAT WE'VE LOOKED AT CAREFULLY IS THE CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDORS. WE BELIEVE THE CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDORS HAVE BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE IN PRESERVING VIEWS TO THE CAPITOL. WE DO BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE -- THERE IS ONE VIEW THAT NEED TO BE EVALUATING CAREFULLY BECAUSE IT IS CREATING A DISINCENTIVE FOR THE AREA, THE AREA AROUND WOOLDRIDGE SQUARE WHERE THE AREA IS A NEGATIVE HEIGHT LIMIT. THE FACT THAT THERE ARE DRIVE-THROUGH BANK ALL THE

WAY AROUND OR ON TWO SIDES OF IT IS REALLY A TESTIMONY TO THE CONSTRAINT THAT THIS PARTICULAR VIEW OFFERS. THANK THAT IS GOING TO BE AN IMPORTANT THING FOR US TO EVALUATE, PARTICULARLY ON ONE OF YOUR FOUR SQUARES, WHICH REALLY REQUIRES DEVELOPMENT TO BE ENGAGED WITH IT, TO FIND THE OPEN SPACE AND ALSO TO HELP ACTIVATE IT. SO THAT OFFERS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE THOSE CAPITOL VIEWS. ONE OF THE THING I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS THAT THE CAPITOL VIEWS ALSO AS WE'LL TALK ABOUT IN THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING SECTION, CREATES OPPORTUNITIES BECAUSE IT CREATES AREAS OF THE DOWNTOWN IN THE AREA OF WALLER CREEK WHERE HEIGHT LIMITS WILL BE AROUND 50 TO 75 FEET PROMOTING MORE AFFORDABLE, MID RISE DEVELOPMENT, WHICH MAY BE VERY APPROPRIATE TO THE SCALE OF WALLER CREEK AND TO THE IDEA OF CREATING A DIVERSE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT INCLUDES AFFORDABLE HOUSING. WE BELIEVE THAT THE CURRENT ZONING DOES NOT PROVIDE A PURPOSEFUL FORM RESPONSE TO SOME OF THE UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS THAT YOU HAVE IN THE DOWNTOWN, LADY BIRD LAKE, THE SQUARES, THE FOUR SQUARES, THREE OF WHICH ACTUALLY EXIST AS SQUARES. THE HIGHER HIERARCHY OF DOWNTOWN STREETS AND SO ON. IF YOU LOOK AT THE WAY DEVELOPMENT IS NOW OCCURRING IN THE DOWNTOWN, YOU CAN SEE THAT THE CBD, THE AREA IN PINK, IS REALLY EXPANDING ALONG THE WATERFRONT AND IN AREAS THAT HAVE NOT ALWAYS BEEN CONCEIVED AS BEING AREAS FOR THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. WE THINK THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY WITH THE DOWNTOWN PLAN TO DEFINE SPECIFIC DISTRICTS. AGAIN, THE AREA IS VERY LARGE. IT HAS SOME DIVERSE CHARACTERISTICS. THIS IS A MAP THAT SHOWS OUR PRELIMINARY TAKE ON WHAT THESE DISTRICTS MIGHT LOOK LIKE. AND I'M NOT GOING TO GO THROUGH ALL OF THEM TODAY. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THEM IN THE FULL REPORT, BUT WHAT THE DISTRICTS DO IS IT OFFERS US AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH OF THESE AREAS, WHETHER THE WATERFRONT, THE LOWER SHOAL CREEK AREA AROUND SEAHOLM, THE FOUR SQUARES WHICH WE BELIEVE ARE AN IMPORTANT FORM, GIVING PLACE MAKING ELEMENTS WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN, TO REALLY STUDY THEIR DESCRIPTORS AND TO ESTABLISH PRIORITIES AND VERY SPECIFIC DESIGN RESPONSES TO THOSE. JUST AS AN EXAMPLE, THE NORTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH IS ONE OF YOUR -- THE HISTORIC RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS OF DOWNTOWN AUSTIN, WHICH IN THE '70'S -- SINCE THE '70'S HAS EVOLVED MORE AS AN OFFICE DISTRICT, COMMERCIAL AREA. A LOT OF DEVELOPMENT PRESSURES NOW. THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY WE BELIEVE TO PROMOTE INTENSE ACTIVATION WITHIN THIS AREA, TO PROMOTE INFILL DEVELOPMENT, BUT TO DO SO IN A WAY THAT PRESERVES SOME OF THE UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF THIS DOWNTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD, THE LANDSCAPE CHARACTERISTIC, THE DENSITY AND SCALE OF DEVELOPMENT AND TO DO IT IN A WAY THAT WILL PROMOTE INTENSITY AND VARIETY. SIMILARLY THE CAPITOL DISTRICT, THE AREA TO THE NORTH AND THE EAST OF THE CAPITOL, THERE ARE A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES TO REDEVELOP SOME OF THE STAND ALONE PARKING GARAGES, THE VACANT LOTS. THIS OF COURSE WOULD REQUIRE A COOPERATIVE EFFORT WITH THE STATE, BUT WE LOOK AT SAN JACINTO STREET WITH ITS LINE OF SINGLE PURPOSE PARKING STRUCTURES AND BELIEVE THAT THERE'S A REAL OPPORTUNITY THERE IN THE LONG-TERM TO CREATE A NEW

NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WOULD FACE ON TO WATERLOO PARK. AND THERE'S SIMILAR OPPORTUNITIES IN EACH OF THESE DISTRICTS OF THE PLAN. AS MUCH AS WE WANT TO PROMOTE MIXED USE IN THE DOWNTOWN, THERE'S ALSO A NEED TO LOOK AT PARTICULAR USES. AND IN PARTICULAR AREAS TO PRIORITIZE USES. WE HAVE WORKED INTENSIVELY WITH THE MUSIC INDUSTRY TO EXPLORE STRATEGIES FOR LIVE MUSIC AND HOW LIVE MUSIC CAN BE RETAINED IN DOWNTOWN AUSTIN AS A VIABLE INDUSTRY, AND TO EXPLORE AREAS OF THE DOWNTOWN THAT WOULD -- WHERE THAT USE COULD BE INCENTIVIZED OR GIVEN PRIORITY. AND THAT IS A KEY ASPECT OF THE PHASE 2 EFFORT THAT WE WILL BE DOING. SIMILARLY, RETAIL. ITS DAA HAS BEEN DOING A LOT OF WORK IN DOWNTOWN RETAIL RECRUITMENT. THE PHASE 2 EFFORT WILL LOOK AT SUPPORTING THAT AND EXPANDING ON IT. THERE MAY ALSO BE A NEED TO PRIORITIZE OFFICE USE IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE DOWNTOWN AS RESIDENTIAL, FOR INSTANCE, BECOMES -- WE WANT TO PROMOTE RESIDENTIAL. WE ALSO DON'T WANT TO PRECLUDE FUTURE OFFICE DEVELOPMENT. SO THERE MAY BE STRATEGIES FOR DOING THAT AND CERTAINLY RESIDENTIAL AS WELL PROMOTING IT IN PARTICULAR AREAS OF THE DOWNTOWN. THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF DISCUSSION IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT DENSITY BONUSES AND THE IDEA OF LEVERAGING ADDITIONAL DENSITY BEYOND WHAT IS ALLOWED TO ACCOMPLISH OTHER GOALS LIKE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, OPEN SPACE, AND OTHER COMMUNITY BENEFITS. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE IS A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO LEVERAGE THAT, BUT IT HAS TO BE DONE IN A WAY THAT LOOKS VERY CAREFULLY AT THE EQUATION, THE ECONOMIC VALUE AND THE FORM RESULT AND WE WILL BE WORKING IN PHASE 2 VERY CLOSELY WITH HRNA ON THE WHOLE IDEA OF DENSITY BONUSES. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE TO BE CALIBRATED SO THAT WE ENSURE THAT VALUE IS ACTUALLY BEING OFFERED AND THAT WE ARE NOT PENALIZING DENSITY. AND THIS IS A VERY COMPLICATED ECONOMIC MODEL TO CONSTRUCT AND ONE THAT WE THINK IS VERY IMPORTANT AT THIS STAYING OF THE GAME. SO JUST TO SUMMARIZE, DEFINE THE FORM DISTRICTS THAT PRESERVE THE UNIQUE QUALITIES OF THE DOWNTOWN, DEFINE THE PRIORITY USES, WHETHER ITS LIVE MUSIC OR OFFICE, DEVELOP SPECIFIC DESIGN REGULATIONS FOR THOSE DISTRICT AN EVALUATE AND CONSTRUCT A DENSITY BONUS OR INCENTIVE PROGRAM WHERE WE CAN ACHIEVE COMMUNITY BENEFITS. JOHN IS NOW -- JANA IS GOING TO TALK ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY. YOU CAN SEE THAT THE RED LINES ARE THE SEVERELY CONGESTED ROADWAYS, PURPLE LINES ARE JUST CONGESTED AND THE MAP GOES PRETTY MUCH RED WITH NONE OF THE INVESTMENT THAT IS PLANNED WITHIN THE CAMPO PLAN. SO IF WE DON'T MAKE THIS KIND OF INVESTMENT, AND PARTICULARLY WITH THE TRANSIT, WE ARE GOING TO EVEN FURTHER ISOLATE DOWNTOWN, WHICH IS ALREADY SUFFERING FROM DISCONNECTION FROM THE REGION. NS A BLOWUP. THIS MAP ON THE RIGHT IS SHOWING THE DOWNTOWN AREA AND AGAIN THE SEVERE CONGESTION THAT WILL BE OCCURRING WITHOUT THAT INVESTMENT. HOV LANES FROM I-35 AN LOOP 1 COULD ASSIST WITH INCREASING ACCESS TO DOWNTOWN AS WELL AS MANAGED LANES WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN COULD INCREASE THE CAPACITY. BUT THE POINT IS IN DOWNTOWN WE HAVE A SPECIFIC GRID THAT WE CAN'T REALLY EXPAND ON WITHOUT WIDENING ROADS AND WE DON'T WANT TO DO THAT IN THE DOWNTOWN. WE'RE PRETTY HAPPY WITH OUR WALLER GRID THAT WE HAVE OF WALKABLE

BLOCKS. SO WE'RE GOING TO BE REALLY LOOKING AT INCREASING TRANSIT AS A KEY COMPONENT OF MAKING THE REGION AND DOWNTOWN WORK. AND WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE THESE THREE RAIL CORRIDORS THAT ACTUALLY QUERN INTO THE DOWNTOWN, OUR HISTORIC RAIL CORRIDORS, THE FIRST OF WHICH, THE GIDDINGS TO LLANO RAILROAD LINE, WHICH WILL BE THE CAPITAL METRO COMMUTER LINE COMING INTO DOWNTOWN FROM LEANDER NEAR THE EBB OF END OF THIS YEAR, THE SAME LINE HEADING TOWARD THE EAST TO ELGIN AND MANOR IS SOMETHING THAT WE ANTICIPATE KIND OF A NEAR TERM FUTURE COMMUTER RAIL THAT COULD LINK ALSO THOSE TOWNS WITH THE DOWNTOWN. THE UNION PACIFIC LINE, HOWEVER, IS STILL OFF IN THE FUTURE. IT WOULD CONNECT SAN ANTONIO TO GEORGETOWN. STILL NOT FUNDED AND EVEN MORE SPECULATIVE IS THE TXDOT-MOKAN CORRIDOR PROAND FOR FUTURE COMMUTER RAIL SERVICE TO GEORGETOWN. SO WHILE THESE EXIST, WE NEED TO REALLY PUSH ON GETTING 2 AND 3 MOVED FORWARD.

I THINK THE BIG POINT ABOUT OUR REPORT IS THAT WE FEEL LIKE TRANSIT IN THE DOWNTOWN REALLY NEEDS TO BE IS MODE OF DHOIS AND NOT ONE OF LAST RESORT. PEOPLE DO PERCEIVE TRANSIT AS A NEGATIVE UNFORTUNATELY AND WE NEED TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO COUNTER THAT AND CREATE A TRANSIT STBL SYSTEM THAT'S SUFFICIENT AND ACTUALLY AN ELEGANT WAY OF GETTING TO AND FROM YOUR DESTINATION, THAT'S USING HIGH QUALITY VEHICLES, THAT'S VERY UNDERSTANDABLE, SIMPLE, LEGIBLE ROUTES AND VERY MUCH SO PART AFTER GREAT PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT WHERE THAT TRANSIT LINKS TO GREAT SIDEWALKS, GREAT STREETS, AND GREAT PLACES. SO ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WANT TO BE DOING IS A VERY HIGH PRIORITY IS LOOKING AT THE STREET CAR, THE CIRCULATOR SYSTEM IN DOWNTOWN AND REALLY LOCATING IT. WE NEED TO CONFIRM EXACTLY WHAT IS THE ALIGNMENT. WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND AND CAREFULLY DESIGN HOW IT'S TRANSFERRING TO COMMUTER RAIL AS WELL AS HOW IT'S INTERFACING WITH THE BUS AND ALL OTHER MODES. IN TERMS OF THE GREAT STREETS PLAN, WE NEED TO KNOW HOW THE PLAN WILL INTERACT WITH THE VEHICLE SYSTEM. WE NEED TO INTERACT THE ONE WAY VERSUS TWO WAY SYSTEM ONCE AND FOR ALL AND RESOLVE IT. TRANSIT IS LOOKING AT THE TRANSIT FOR MASTER PLANNING IS A VERY IMPORTANT FIRST STEP IN REALLY UNDERSTANDING WHAT WOULD BE MORE OPTIMUM IN ONE WAY OR TWO WAY. AND ALSO LOOKING AT PRIORITY YIEWS FOR CERTAIN STREETS, WHERE IS RETAIL GOING TO BE HAPPENING AND HOW DOES THAT AFFECT THE ONE WAY OR TWO WAY SYSTEM SYSTEM. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE REALLY ARE PROMOTING IS THAT THE GREAT STREETS REALLY BE IMPLEMENTED ON A MUCH BROADER BASIS BY A CIP TYPE OF PUBLIC INVESTMENT. THAT'S WHERE THE CITY HAS HAD THE MOST IMPACT ON THE SEC STREET DISTRICT IS WHERE THAT INVESTMENT HAS BEEN OVER SEVERAL BLOCKS AND WE START TO SEE WHAT A GREAT STREETS ENVIRONMENT REALLY DOES FOR THE CITY. WE'RE MAKING A BIG SUGGESTION THAT BICYCLING NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED AS REALLY A MODE THAT'S VIABLE IN THE DOWNTOWN. VERY FEW PEOPLE USE COMMUTE TO BIKE TO WORK. IT IS VERY DANGEROUS. THERE ARE VERY FEW FACILITIES ALSO TO CONNECT WITH BIKING SUCH AS SHOWERS AND LOCKERS.

SO IT'S NOT REALLY VIABLE TO BE USING IT AS A COMMUTER -- COMMUTING KIND OF MODE. WE NEED TO LOOK AT HIGHER CLASS FACILITIES SUCH AS THE ONE ON THE RIGHT IN MONTREAL WHERE YOU HAVE TWO-WAY PROTECTED BIKEWAYS. AND JUST REALLY INCREASE THE FACILITIES AT EVERY LEVEL. DOWNTOWN PARKING NEEDS TO BE A LOT BETTER MANAGED AND THERE HAS BEEN RECENT COUNCIL ACTION ON PUTTING FORWARD THE IDEA OF THE CENTRAL PARKING AUTHORITY, WHICH IS SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO INTEGRATE WITHIN THIS WHOLE DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN, TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN. SO WE'LL BE LOOKING AT THAT IN PHASE 2. AND THEN THE UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURES VERY AGE UNDERSTAND THE DOWNTOWN, ESPECIALLY WITH WATER LINES, FIRE LINE TYPE SERVICE. WE NEED TO TAKE AN APPROACH THAT THE CITY IS NOW TAKING IN THE UNO DISTRICT WHERE IT IS THE CIP APPROACH. IT IS MASTER PLANNED AND WE NEED TO INTEGRATE THEE IMPROVEMENTS WITH OUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT'S IMPORTANT, WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES, WHAT STREETS REALLY NEED TO BE EQUIPPED FIRST WITH INFRASTRUCTURE.

AND THAT WOULD BE DONE IN PRIORITY USE AND DISTRICTS DEVELOPING DISTRICTS. DOWNTOWN OPEN SPACES ALSO NEED MUCH ATTENTION. RIGHT NOW WE HAVE ABOUT 90 ACRES OF PARKLAND IN THE DOWNTOWN. WE QUESTION WHETHER THAT'S ENOUGH TO SUPPORT THE DENSE POPULATION WE'RE GOING TO HAVE DOWNTOWN. ALSO THE PARK ARE LOCATED IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY'RE REALLY NOT SERVING THE AREAS THAT ARE BEING DENSIFIED AND COULD BE DENSIFIED, SO WE NEED TO LOOK AT WHERE ARE PARKS GOING TO BE LOCATED. ARE WE ACHIEVING ENOUGH OPEN SPACE IN THE DOWNTOWNS TO BE SUSTAINABLE. AND AGAIN WE NEED TO REALLY INTEGRATE THIS FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY AT WALLER CREEK TO EXTEND THE PUBLIC OPEN SPACE SYSTEM AND PARKS THAT CONNECT NOT ONLY U.T. AND THE CAPITOL AREA, BUT ALSO EAST AUSTIN WHERE WALLER CREEK IS RIGHT ON THE EDGE OF. SO JUST AGAIN IN PHASE 2, THE DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN FOR DOWNTOWN, UTILITY MASTER PLAN, PARKS MASTER PLAN AND PULLING TOGETHER THE WALLER CREEK EFFORT. SO I'LL INTRODUCE JOHN ALESHIRE FROM HNRA ADVISORS WILL TAKE YOU THROUGH THE NEXT TWO SECTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU.

THANK YOU. THE FIRST IS TO TRY AND PRODUCE AN ACTION PLAN THAT PUTS THE CITY IN A PROACTIVE STANCE IN RESPONSE TO DEVELOPMENT IN DOWNTOWN. A LOT OF TERRIFIC PROGRESS AND CREATIVITY OF THE LAST GENERATION HAS COME IN REACTION TO A SERIES OF PRIVATE PROJECTS AND THAT'S BEEN HEALTHY, BUT I THINK WE BELIEVE THE NEXT PHASE NEEDS A MORE PROACTIVE STRATEGY THAT TIES TOGETHER ZONING, FINANCING AND A VARIETY OF MUNICIPAL ACTIONS INTO AN ORGANIZE THE STRATEGY. I THINK THE SECOND FOUNDATION HERE IS THIS BE DONE ON A SERIES OF DISTRICTS. THAT DOWNTOWN IS A VERY LARGE SPACE AND THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A FOCUS AROUND A SERIES OF THIS AGGREGATED DISTRICTS. INSTEAD OF LOOKING AT EITHER THE WHOLE DOWNTOWN OR A PARTICULAR PROJECT AT A GIVEN ADDRESS, THERE'S A STRATEGY THAT BUILDS ON A SERIES OF DISTRICT PLANS. AND FINALLY THAT THERE BE AN ONGOING

PATTERN OF STRATEGY INVESTMENT. INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE, INVESTMENT IN THE KIND OF REGULATORY REGIME, INVESTMENT IN THE KIND OF ORGANIZATIONAL RESOURCES BOTH STAFF AND MONEY THAT IT TAKES TO IMPLEMENT A DOWNTOWN PLAN OVER A GENERATION. AND I WANT TO TALK ABOUT HOW THOSE FUNCTION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ECONOMY. AND WE LOOKED AT REALLY EACH SECTOR OF THE ECONOMY. THEY ALL WORK TOGETHER. THE KIND OF CULTURE AND LIVE MUSIC YOU HAVE SUPPORTS YOUR OFFICE. NOW THAT YOU'RE GETTING A STRONG RESIDENTIAL PRESENCE, THAT WILL REINFORCE THE OFFICE, THE OFFICE PRESENCE THEN CREATES MORE DEMAND FOR RESIDENTIAL. YOU'VE GOT NOW A VIRTUAL SYSTEM THAT TIES THESE TOGETHER, DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT IS NOW, THOUGH, AS I THINK IT ALWAYS WILL BE, FRAGILE. COSTS ARE ALWAYS HIGHER. THE COST OF GOING VERTICAL IS JUST MORE CHALLENGING THAN THE COST OF HORIZONTAL DEVELOPMENT. AS JANET MENTIONED, INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEMS ARE OLDER, AND THERE'S A LONG LEGACY OF POLICY THAT JUST MAKES IT FINANCIALLY EASIER TO DEVELOP IN GREEN FIELDS AND TO DEVELOP IN A MORE HORIZONTAL FASHION. SO THE KEY THINGS THAT WE WANT TO LOOK AT IN PHASE 2 IS HOW DO WE LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD, HOW DO WE DEVELOP ZONING INCENTIVES, HOW DO WE CREATE CONCENTRATIONS OF RETAIL, HOW DO WE COORDINATE REDEVELOPMENT WITH STATE GOVERNMENT AND WITH THE UNIVERSITY. AND LET ME TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT EACH. FIRST IS CLEARLY A LOT OF THE GROWTH YOU SEE HERE IS COMING FROM THE RESIDENTIAL SECTOR. THIS IS AFTER SEVERAL GENERATIONS OF IT BYPASSING YOUR DOWNTOWN. YOUR DISADVANTAGED IN THE SENSE OF MANY DOWNTOWNS IN OUR COUNTRY SEE THE FIRST WAVE OF RESIDENTIAL COMING BACK INTO THE ADAPTIVE REUSE OF OLDER STRUCTURES. YOU'VE SEEN THAT HERE. BUT YOU DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF VERY LARGE SCALE OLD CLASS OFFICE SPACE THAT ALLOWS FOR THE CONVERSION OR THE LARGE MULTI-FAMILY AND MULTI-STORY LOST PRODUCT THAT HAS LED TO RESIDENTIAL IN MANY COMMUNITIES. MUCH OF YOUR RESIDENTIAL IS THEREFORE NEW AND HI-RISE. SO THERE NEEDS TO BE I THINK ATTENTION TO THE OFFICE SECTOR TO REDUCE ITS COST. THE COST OF PARKING IS AN ENORMOUS BURDEN THAT GETS ADDED ON TO THE COST OF GOING VERTICAL IN DOWNTOWN AND LOOKING AT WAYS IN WHICH YOUR NEW PARKING AUTHORITY OR FRANKLY SOME OF THE SURPLUS PARKING THAT'S BEING BUILT BECAUSE I THINK A LOT OF THE PARKING REQUIREMENTS YOU HAVE WITH RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT END UP WITH THEM BEING OVERPARKED, SO YOU HAVE A MISALLOCATION OF THE LOCATION OF PARKING BETWEEN THE RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES IN SOME OF YOUR COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES. SO THERE NEEDS TO BE A WAY TO ORGANIZE AND REDUCE THE COST OF PARKING AND PROVIDE STRATEGIC INCENTIVES FOR OFFICE. AND ALSO SINCE RIGHT NOW, I THINK IT'S LIKELY TO BE THE CASE FOR SOME TIME, LAND VALUE FOR RESIDENTIAL WILL EXCEED LAND VALUE FOR OFFICE, SO A MORE CAREFULLY STRUCTURED ZONING CODE OVER TIME WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO CREATE AREAS IN WHICH OFFICE IS A PRIMARY USE AND WHICH THE VALUE OF THE LAND IS NOT SET JUST ON A GROSS DIRT FOOT OR FRANKLY IS NOT SET BY THE USE AS A RESIDENTIAL PRODUCT, BUT LAND VALUE IS SET BY A RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL USE, WHICH IS ONE OF THE VALUES OF A CLEAR, CONSISTENT, ONGOING FORM BASED ZONING CODE. YOUR ARTS

AND CULTURE ARE BOTH A CORE VALUE OF YOUR COMMUNITY. IT'S A CORE VALUE OF YOUR DOWNTOWN. THE VALUE OF LIVE MUSIC, THE VALUE OF THE ART IN GENERAL, YOUR MUSEUMS ARE EXTRAORDINARY. IT'S AN ECONOMIC ASSET OF TERRIFIC VALUE BEYOND JUST THE ROLE IT PLAYS IN ALL OF OUR LIVES, ENRICHING AND DEEPENING THE CULTURAL EXPERIENCE. INCREASINGLY CITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY AND HOPEFULLY YOU TOO WILL HAVE TO NURTURE THESE IN CONSTRUCTIVE WAYS. WHEN DEMAND WAS LOW AND THERE WASN'T A SUBSTANTIAL NEW GROWTH, RESIDENTIAL GROWTH, LIVE MUSIC COULD EXIST IN THE CRACKS AND WHAT LEFT BEHIND. NOW AS MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE COMING INTO THE DOWNTOWN, THE TENSION BETWEEN THE MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT SCENE AND THE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY IS BOUND TO GROW. THAT'S A HEALTHY THING BECAUSE IT MEANS YOU'RE GETTING NEW RESIDENTIAL GROWTH, BUT IT WILL HAVE TO BE MANAGED CREATIVELY. THERE'S LIKELY TO BE A CLEAR ZONING PRIORITIES THAT BOTH DEALS WITH THE CHARACTER OF CONSTRUCTION AND THE MITIGATION OF NOISE THAT CREATES LOCATIONS WHERE THE LIVE MUSIC COMMUNITY CAN PROSPER AND BE SECURE LONG-TERM, FREE OF TENSION AND CONFLICT WITH GROWING RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS] ONE OF THE GREAT ASSETS YOU HAVE THAT REMAINS TO BE DONE, REMAINS TO BE UTILIZED HERE, IS THE VAST INVENTORY OF GOVERNMENT-OWNED LAND, BOTH IN YOUR HANDS, THE COUNTY HANDS AND THE STATE OF TEXAS EITHER DIRECTLY OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNIVERSITY. THESE ARE INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT PARCELS. AND IF THEY'RE THOUGHT ABOUT AS ANCHORS OF AREAS ASHED AROUND THEM, THEIR REDEVELOPMENT CAN BE DONE IN A WAY THAT IS GOOD TO YOU, YOUR DOWNTOWN AND A CREDIT TO THE UNION OF GOVERNMENT. SO A STRATEGY THAT BUILDS ON EACH OF THESE KEY ASSETS, GREEN WATER IS IN MANY WAYS THE MOST IMMEDIATE IN USING THAT, NOT JUST TO DEVELOP WHAT IS VALUABLE ON THAT PARCEL, BUT USING THAT AS AN ANCHOR OF A BROADENING DISTRICT ALONG YOUR LAKEFRONT, WHICH IS CLEARLY ONE OF THE HIGH VALUE ADDED AREAS OF YOUR COMMUNITY. OTHER COMMUNITIES, THERE'S AN EXAMPLE HERE THAT MY COLLEAGUES AT ROMA HAVE PROVIDED FROM SACRAMENTO. THERE ARE AREAS IN STATE CAPITOLS AROUND THE COUNTRY. WE'VE DONE A LOT OF WORK IN OUR STATE CAPITOL OF ALBANY, IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, A COMMUNITY IN WHICH HAVE YOU SOME THINGS IN COMMON, BOTH THE PRESENCE OF A GREAT UNIVERSITY AND A STATE CAPITOL. THERE ARE A VARIETY OF COLLABORATIVE ACTIONS THAT BRING CITY AND STATE GOVERNMENT TOGETHER TO MEET STATE GOVERNMENT OBJECTIVES, BUT DO SO IN A WAY THAT ENHANCES THE URBAN EXPERIENCE AND THE URBAN ECONOMY. CLEARLY THE UNIVERSITY, ALONG WITH STATE GOVERNMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, THE THREE PILLARS ON WHICH THE DOWNTOWN ECONOMY SITS. THERE'S ENORMOUS POTENTIAL BENEFIT. I THINK TRANSPORTATION LINKAGES TO U.T. ARE SIGNIFICANT AND THE ABILITY TO UTILIZE THE GROWTH CAPACITY OF THE UNIVERSITY IS AN ONGOING STIMULANT TO DOWNTOWN. SO WE'VE TALKED ABOUT GREATER INVOLVEMENT IN THE UNIVERSITY IN DOWNTOWN STRATEGIES, WORK SO LONG THAT THE HOUSING KNEES OF STUDENTS ARE MET IN A MANNER THAT'S COMPATIBLE WITH THE HOUSING ENVIRONMENT IN THE NORTHEAST AREA OF DOWNTOWN. AND AGAIN, FACILITATING MOVEMENT WITH BIKE WAYS AND CLEARLY YOU HAVE AN ENORMOUS

MUTUAL INTEREST IN TRANSIT AND TRANSIT SYSTEMS. THIS IS A TRANSIT DEPENDENT POPULATION. THERE IS ENORMOUS CUSTOMER BASE THAT CAN BE BROUGHT INTO DOWNTOWN AND THE SYNERGY BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY AND DOWNTOWN CAN ONLY BE ENHANCED WITH STRONG TRANSPORTATION LINKS. THE SEC SECTION I SECOND SECTION I WANT TO ADDRESS IS AT THE HEART OF SOME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT POLICY ISSUES FROM DOWNTOWN, MAINLY DIVERSITY AND AFFORDABILITY. DOWNTOWN IS AS YOU ALL RECOGNIZE AND JIM SAID, THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN, THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY EXPRESSES THE VALUES OF AUSTIN. IT HAS A LOT OF THE COMMON CULTURAL EXPERIENCES. IT'S ALSO EVERYBODY'S NEIGHBORHOOD. EVERYBODY IN AUSTIN SHOULD SHARE IN DOWNTOWN AND IT SHOULDN'T BECOME THE EXCLUSIVE PROVINCE OF ANY SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC GROUP. WE'VE TRIED TO LOOK VERY CAREFULLY, IN A VERY RIGOROUS AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER AT THE ISSUES OF DIVERSITY AND AFFORDABLE, WHICH I KNOW YOUR TASKFORCE AND THE COUNCIL ITSELF HAS ADDRESSED. WE THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE DOWNTOWN HOUSING PLAY AN APPROPRIATE ROLE IN MAINTAINING AFFORDABILITY, BUT THAT IT BE DONE IN A MANNER THAT'S SENSITIVE TO THE FACT THAT DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT IS FRAGILE, IT IS MORE COSTLY. IT IS ALREADY TO A CERTAIN EXTENT NEGATIVELY IMPACTED BY FEES AND OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE MATTERS WHICH MAKE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT BY GOVERNMENT ACTION SOMETIMES MORE IMPLICATED COMPLICATED AND MORE DAUNTING THAN ACTIONS OTHER THAN DOWNTOWN. DOWNTOWN SHOULDN'T BE SINGLED OUT TO OCCASION CARRY A BURDEN WHICH IS DISPROPORTIONATE WITH THE ECONOMIC RESOURCES OF DEVELOPERS, LANDOWNERS OR PEOPLE WHO WOULD CHOOSE TO PURCHASE AND LIVE IN DOWNTOWN. I WANT TO ASK YOU TO LOOK WITH ME BRIEFLY AT SOME OF THE NUMBERS. HERE I THINK FOR ME ALWAYS IS THE CRITICAL CHART. WHAT YOU SEE ON THE LEFT IN THE YELLOW HERE IS THE VALUE OF A HOME, MEDIAN FAMILY IN AUSTIN CAN AFFORD. IT'S A HOME THAT CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$145,000. THE UNDERLYING PROBLEM YOU AS A COMMUNITY CONFRONT FRANKLY, ALL OF US IN AMERICA CONFRONT, IS THE DYSJUNCTION BETWEEN THE HOUSE AN AVERAGE AMERICAN CAN AFFORD AND THE PRICE AFTERNOON AVERAGE HOUSE. WHEN THE AVERAGE CITIZEN OF AUSTIN CAN AFFORD 145,000-DOLLAR HOUSE, BUT THE AVERAGE HOUSE ALREADY BUILT COSTS 175,000 OR THE AVERAGE NEW HOME COSTS 250,000, SO WHAT YOU'RE SEEING IS THE AVERAGE NEW HOME ALREADY COSTS MORE THAN THE AVERAGE CITIZEN CAN AFFORD. WHEN LAYERED ON DOWNTOWN, YOU SEE THE NUMBERS BECOME FAR MORE DRAMATIC. AND IT REALLY -- THE AVERAGE PRICE OF A NEW UNIT AND THESE NUMBERS I WOULD VIEW AS ORDER OF MAGNITUDE STATEMENTS. IS IT \$800, IS IT \$860, IS IT \$750. WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT THE AVERAGE COST OF NEW CONSTRUCTION IN DOWNTOWN IS FIVE OR SIX TIME MORE THAN THE AVERAGE AUSTINITE CAN AFFORD, NOT JUST THOSE THAT ARE ECONOMICALLY BELOW THE AVERAGE INCOME. SO THERE'S AN OVERALL DYSJUNCTION BETWEEN WHAT SOMEONE CAN AFFORD AND BETWEEN WHAT LIVING IN DOWNTOWN REQUIRES. LET'S LOOK INTO HOW THIS BREAK DOWN INTO COSTS. IF YOU HAVE ONE OF THOSE UNITS AND YOU TAKE FRANKLY A UNIT WHICH IS ABOUT 470,000, IF YOU JUST LOOK AT THIS GRAPH, WHAT IT TELL YOU PRETTY QUICKLY IS MOST OF THE COSTS ARE EATEN UP BY HARD AND SOFT COSTS,

CONCRETE, STEEL, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, PARKING SPACE. THE COST OF LAND -- AGAIN, IT'S LISTED HERE AT 21,000. IS IT 20, 25? BUT THE COST OF THE LAND IS NOT AN OVERWHELMING CONTRIBUTOR TO THE COST OF THE UNITS. NOR FRANKLY IS THE COST OF THE PROFIT TO THE DEVELOPER. SAID ANOTHER WAY, YOU CAN JUST SAY THE LANDOWNER SHOULD HAVE ZERO VALUE, JUST BE FORCED TO GIVE HIM THE LAND. A DEVELOPER SHU MAKE NO PROFIT. I'M NOT RECOMMENDING THOSE THING, I'M JUST SAYING WERE THOUGH TO BE PUBLIC POLICY. YOU WOULD STILL HAVE AN ENORMOUS AFFORDABILITY PROBLEM. WHAT BEGINS TO MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE HERE IS WHEN YOU CHANGE THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION. IT'S A LITTLE MORE THAN HALF THE COST TO BUILD THE LOWER RISE UNIT. IT'S TRUE IN AUSTIN AND TRUE EVERYWHERE ELSE IN OUR COUNTRY. WHEN YOU DEVELOP LOW RISE, THE COST OF ELEVATORS, THE COST OF VERTICAL SYSTEMS, THE NATURE OF THE FABRICATION, YOU'RE NOT USING MAJOR CONCRETE AND STEEL SYSTEMS, IT'S JUST A LOT CHEAPER, SO THE AVERAGE COST OF THE UNIT, 250, 275, COMPARED TO SOMETHING ALMOST TWICE AS MUCH. WHAT DOES THIS TELL US? IT TELL US THAT THERE'S SOME IMPORTANT POLICY CHOICES HERE. AND I THINK THEY'RE TWO VERY SIMPLE RAMIFICATIONS. ONE IS THAT IF YOU PUT A VALUE ON SERVING LARGER NUMBERS OF FAMILIES IN NEED, YOU WILL NOT PUT THEM IN HI-RISE CONSTRUCTION. I'M NOT SAYING YOU SHOULDN'T. THAT'S A VALUE JUDGMENT COUNCILMEMBERS AND OTHERS NEED TO MAKE, BUT THERE'S JUST A TENSION BETWEEN WANTING TO SERVING MORE FAMILY, AN IMPORTANT GOAL, AND HAVING DIVERSE BUILDINGS AND PLACES IS AN IMPORTANT GOAL. AND THEY WORK RADICALLY AT CROSS PURPOSE. IT'S JUST VERY EXPENSIVE TO PUT LOW AND MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES IN HIGH RAISES. THE SECOND THING IS THERE'S JUST NOT ENOUGH LAND PROFIT AND DEVELOPER PROFIT TO MAKE AN OVERWHELMING CONTRIBUTION IN THEE BUILDINGS. AGAIN, THAT'S TRUE IN MOST PLACES. THIS CHART SHOWS YOU WHAT THE GAP IS IN THE DOWNTOWN HI-RISE, AND IT SAYS OKAY, IF WE JUST PUT IN FREE LAND AND WE DO THE SMART HOUSING REDUCTION FEES, YOU CAN SEE WHAT A MODEST CONTRIBUTION IT IS. NOW, MODEST CONTRIBUTIONS ARE IMPORTANT THAN NO CONTRIBUTIONS AND I BELIEVE EVERY FORM OF HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS TO CONTRIBUTE IN A FAIR AND REASONABLE WAY. IT'S JUST THAT THERE'S NOT A MAGIC WAWND HERE. THERE'S NO POT OF GOLD THAT IF YOU JUST MINE IT, IT ADDRESSES THE AFFORDABILITY PROBLEMS HERE. WHAT I THINK WE WANT TO LOOK AT IN THE NEXT PHASE IS HOW THERE'S THERE'S A FAIR BROAD BASED, EQUITABLE WAY TO HANDLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND FINANCE, HOW DOWNTOWN PLAYS A REASONABLE ROLE WITH OTHER SOURCES, BOTH THE GENERAL TAX FUND AND BONDING FUNDS, OTHER FORMS OF HOUSING. AND THAT POLICY CHOICES BE ADDRESSED RATIONALLY BETWEEN WHAT'S THE VALUE ON CREATING ECONOMIC DIVERSITY WITHIN A STRUCTURE, WITHIN A NEIGHBORHOOD, AS OPPOSED TO DEALING WITH VERY HIGH LEVELS OF COST. AND THESE ARE COMPLICATED POLICY ISSUES IN WHICH VALUE JUDGMENTS NEED TO BE MADE BY ELECTED OFFICIAL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO TEEING UP SOME OF THESE ISSUES IN PHASE 2. SOCIAL SERVICES ARE AGAIN PART OF AN OBLIGATION OF MANY DOWNTOWNS AROUND THE UNITED STATES. THERE ARE IN AUSTIN AS THERE ARE IN ALL OF OUR DOWNTOWNS, COMMUNITIES OF PEOPLE WHO BY

VIRTUE OF SADNESS AND TRAGEDY IN THEIR LIVE ARE UNABLE TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY AND AUTONOMOUSLY, BUT YOU HAVE A GENUINE PROBLEM HERE THAT IS MORE SEVERE THAN IN MANY PLACES. THE LEVEL OF CONCENTRATION ALONG THE EAST SIDE HERE AND THE FACT THAT IT A HIGHLY CONCENTRATED ENVIRONMENT WHICH NOT MUCH ELSE IS THERE. IT TAKES THE NEGATIVE EFFECT OF THE CONCENTRATION AND MAKES IT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT. AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE THE DUAL OBLIGATION OF ALL OF US, TO OUR FELLOW CITIZENS TO BE CARING AND COMPASSIONATE AND INCLUSIVE TO THE COMMUNITY, BUT DO SO IN A WAY THAT DOESN'T UNFAIRLY PENALIZE IMPORTANT PARTS OF THE DOWNTOWN OR THE ECONOMY AND THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF DOWNTOWN. THERE ARE IN OTHER COMMUNITIES, AND WE'VE WORKED A LOT AS AN ORGANIZATION ON SOME OF THESE MODELS, THAT REPLACE THE -- I THINK A DYSFUNCTIONAL SHELTER FEED FEEDING MODEL WITH MORE INTEGRATED SERVICES TO HOMELESS PEOPLE, INCLUDING THOSE WITH RECORDS OF CONVICTIONS WITH THE LAW, WITH THOSE WITH ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE ANDS THEM IN ENVIRONMENTS THAT ARE COMPATIBLE WITH ADJACENT DEVELOPMENT THAT PROVIDES NOT THIS SILO CHARACTER WHERE SOME ORGANIZATION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HOUSING AND ANOTHER FOR ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND A THIRD FOR FOOD. THERE'S A WAY TO ORGANIZE IT ARN THE HOUSE, AROUND THE DEVELOPMENT SO THAT IT CAN BE A COMPATIBLE PART OF THE DOWNTOWN. AND SURE, ENFORCEMENT IS VERY IMPORTANT. LAW ENFORCEMENT IS CRITICAL. I'M A FORMER CITY MANAGER AND BELIEVE VERY STRONGLY IN THE ROLE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DEALING WITH A VARIETY OF POPULATION, BUT THERE ALSO NEEDS TO BE A WAY OF MANAGING THAT AND DOING IT IN A MANNER WHICH IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE BUDDING DEVELOPMENT AND THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT PRIORITY GOING FORWARD TO DOWNTOWN. SO BEFORE I TURN IT OVER TO JIM, I JUST WANT TO STRESS THAT THESE ARE OUR TOP PRIORITIES. WE, JUST TO RETURN TO WHERE I BEGAN, BELIEVE THERE NEEDS TO BE A MO PROACTIVE APPROACH TO DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT WHERE THE GOVERNMENT SETS GOALS. YOU ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE A VERY COMMITTED AND CREATIVE GROUP OF PRIVATE DEVELOPERS, BUT THEIR ACTIVITIES NEED TO EXIST WITHIN A SYSTEM OF CLEAR ZONING RULES, A UNIFORM SET OF F.A.R.'S, A LESS NEGOTIATED PROJECT BY PROJECT APPROACH, AND A FUNDING SYSTEM THAT IS ONGOING AND STRUCTURAL, AND ALLOWS FOR A REGULAR SYSTEMATIC FORM OF PROACTIVE INVESTMENT. WE BELIEVE IF YOU DO THAT IT WILL RETURN TO ITSELF SUBSTANTIALLY IN JOBS AND TAX REVENUE AND QUALITY OF LIFE AND MAINTENANCE OF VERY IMPORTANT CIVIC VALUES LIKE YOUR CULTURAL AND YOUR MUSIC SCENE. SO WE LOOK FORWARD VERY MUCH TO WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH YOUR STAFF AND THE COMMUNITY IS PART OF PHASE 2. AND LET ME ASK THE LEAD LEADER OF OUR TEAM, JIM, TO COME IN AND TALK MORE SPECIFICALLY ABOUT OUR FIVE PRIORITY THAT WE HOPE TO HAVE A CHANCE TO WORK WITH YOU ON.

THANK YOU, JOHN. THIS IS JUST TO SUMMARIZE QUICKLY. THE FIVE PRIORITIES, AS JOHN SAID, FIRST WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE MAINTAIN DOWNTOWN'S POSITION IN THE REGION AS THE PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY CENTER. WE THINK THE FOUR KEY POINTS IN DOING THIS, AS JANA POINTED OUT, IS TO CREATE A DOWNTOWN ACCESS MOBILITY AND STREET

SCAPE STRATEGY. THE PARKING STRATEGY IS PART OF THAT TO SUPPORT TRANSIT, TO REDUCE INTERNAL TRIPS AND TO MAKE OFFICE DEVELOPMENT LESS COSTLY ON SMALLER SITES. WE WANT TO REVIEW CITYWIDE FEES TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE CREATE AGRICULTURE LEVEL PLAYING FIELD FOR DEVELOPMENT IN THE DOWNTOWN. AND AS JOHN POINTED OUT, TO HAVE A SOINING REGIME THAT IS MORE PREDICTABLE, EFFICIENT AND CAN BE ADMINISTERED ON AN ADMINISTRATIVE BASE RATHER THAN ON A PROJECT BY PROJECT BASIS. SECOND PRIORITY IS TO MAKE DOWNTOWN A STRONGER PLACE. LET'S LOOK AT IT NOT AS A SERIES OF INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS, BUT AS A SERIES OF PLACES AND DISTRICTS. WE THINK THE IDEA OF ORGANIZING THE DOWNTOWN INTO DISTRICTS, EACH OF WHICH HAS THEIR OWN PUBLIC PRIORITIES AND OBJECTIVES CLEARLY ESTABLISHED, THEIR OWN DESIGN REGULATIONS THAT ARE UNDERSTANDABLE AND PREDICTABLE, AND THE INCENTIVES PROGRAM TO ACHIEVE THOSE PRIORITIES SET OUT VERY CLEARLY. THIRD IS TO ENSURE THAT WE MAINTAIN THE SOUL, AUTHENTICITY, DIVERSITY OF DOWNTOWN. LIVE MUSIC, WE'VE TALKED A LOT ABOUT. ALSO EXPANDING THE CULTURAL SCENE IN DOWNTOWN AUSTIN. HOUSING AFFORDABILITY POLICIES, COMING UP WITH A MORE SPECIFIC, EXPANDING ON YOUR TASKFORCE'S WORK ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICIES IN THE FORM OF A MASTER PLAN. AND STRATEGIES FOR LEVERAGES PUBLIC LAND, BE IT CITY OWNED OR OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, INCLUDING COORDINATING WITH THE STATE ON REDEVELOPING THEIR IEWRND UTILIZING LAND. THE FOURTH PRIORITY, SO REINVEST IN THE PUBLIC REALM. AS JANA POINTED OUT, THE IMPORTANCE AND THE IMPACT YOU CAN HAVE IN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PRDGES THAT GO BEYOND A SPECIFIC PROJECT LIKE YOU HAVE DONE SO EFFECTIVELY HERE IN THE SECOND STREET DRIFNLGT LOOKING AT THE DOWNTOWN PARKS AND COMING UP WITH A PROGRAM FOR ENHANCING THE PARKS AND MAINTAINING THEM. AND ALSO A UTILITY MASTER PLAN SO THAT INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS AREN'T BURDENED WITH UP FRONT UTILITY COSTS. AND FINALLY, WE HAVEN'T TALK ABOUT THIS A GREAT DEAL, BUT A VERY IMPORTANT ASPECT IS TO DID DID HE INDICATE THE LEADERSHIP AND FUNDING TOWARD IMPLEMENTATION. AND WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THAT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT YOU HAVE TOLD US IS THAT THIS NEEDS TO BE AN IMPLEMENTATION ORIENT THE PLAN COMING UP WITH FINANCING STRATEGIES THAT WILL ENSURE THAT IT WILL HAPPEN. WE'VE RECOMMENDED THE IDEA OF A DOWNTOWN LEADERSHIP DHIEWN ENGAGES ALL OF THE ECONOMIC ANCHORS, THE STATE GOVERNMENT AS WELL AS THE UNIVERSITY TO HELP TO IMPLEMENT THESE IDEAS WITH YOU. A DEDICATED TEAM WITHIN THE CITY GOVERNMENT THAT CAN HELP TO FACILITATE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT, WHETHER THAT'S PART OF YOUR PARKING AUTHORITY OR A DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ITSELF IS SOMETHING THAT WE WILL EXPLORE. AND FINALLY, TO CONTINUE TO FOSTER COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP IN THE DOWNTOWN PLAN. WE'VE REALLY BEEN REALLY BLOWN AWAY BY THE AMOUNT OF ENTHUSIASM THERE HAS BEEN IN THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE DOWNTOWN, AND IT GOES WELL BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF THIS DISTRICT ITSELF. WITH THAT I WILL OPEN IT UP TO QUESTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. ADAMS. REMARKABLE PRESENTATION. I'VE ATTENDED A

HANDFUL OF THE PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND I AGREE, THE ENTHUSIASM THAT I SENSE AROUND THE COMMUNITY ABOUT THE FUTURE OF DOWNTOWN WITH THIS SORT OF THINKING IS REMARKABLE. QUESTIONS OF OUR TEAM? COMMENTS? THOUGHTS? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR ANALYSIS. DID YOU -- IN YOUR ANALYSIS DID YOU LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW CORRIDORS OR DID YOU FOCUS STRICTLY ON ELIMINATING EXISTING CORRIDORS?

I SHOULD SAY WE HAVE NOT DONE A RIGOROUS ANALYSIS OF ALL OF THE VIEW CORRIDORS. WHAT WE'VE DONE IS WE'VE LOOKED AT THE EFFECT THAT THE EXISTING VIEW CORRIDORS HAVE HAD ON CERTAIN PARTS OF THE DOWNTOWN. AND TO BE HONEST, THERE IS REALLY ONE VIEW IN PARTICULAR THAT WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE MOST, AND WE THINK NEEDS TO BE EVALUATED CAREFULLY WITH THE COMMUNITY, AND THAT IS THE WOOLDRIDGE SQUARE VIEW FROM THE HISTORY CENTER TO THE CAPITOL. AND WHAT THAT VIEW HAS DONE IS THAT IT HAS BASICALLY CREATED A DEAD ZONE ON THE NORTH AND THE EASTERN PORTIONS OF WOOLDRIDGE SQUARE AN THAT IS THE ONE, COUNCILMEMBER, THAT WE'RE THE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT. THE OTHER -- WE HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED NEW VIEWS. THAT HASN'T BEEN PART OF OUR EFFORTS, BUT WE'RE MOSTLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFECTS THAT THEY ARE HAVING ON THE FORM OF CERTAIN PARTS OF THE DOWNTOWN.

WELL, THE REASON I ASKED THE QUESTION IS IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO AN ANALYSIS THAT SHOULD BE OPEN-ENDED, AND IF THERE IS SOME EFFORT TO GET RID OF ONE OR MORE CAPITAL VIEW CORRIDORS, THERE MIGHT BE AN INTEREST IN SEEING WHERE THAT CORRIDOR COULD BE REPLACED WITH AN EQUAL OR BETTER OPPORTUNITY.

Mayor Wynn: FURTHER QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN.

McCracken: JIM AND YOUR WHOLE TEAM, ONCE AGAIN JUST A PHENOMENAL JOB. EVERY TIME I SEE THIS PRESENTATION I FIND NEW THINGS THAT CATCH MY ATTENTION. IT'S REALLY REMARKABLE EFFORT AND I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU'VE DONE SO FAR. I HAD -- FIRST WAS ON THE MAP IT SHOWED THE UNDEVELOPABLE PORTIONS OF DOWNTOWN. AND QUITE A BIT OF IT WAS THESE STATE-OWNED PROPERTIES THAT ARE BASICALLY LIKE PARKING GARAGES AND MAYBE EVEN SURFACE PARKING LOTS DOWNTOWN. DO YOU HAVE A SENSE OF -- DO YOU HAVE A SENSE OF HOW MUCH OF THAT PROPERTY THAT IS CONSIDERED UNDEVELOPABLE IS STATE-OWNED PROPERTY? IF IT WEREN'T STATE-OWNED PROPERTY, IT COULD BE DEVELOPED?

I BELIEVE WE HAD A NUMBER. 29. ABOUT 29 TO 30 ACRES OF LAND ON THE CAPITOL CAMPUS FROM OUR INITIAL ANALYSIS THAT APPEARS TO BE UNDER UTILIZED OR IN SINGLE PURPOSE GARAGES. WE THINK THERE IS ENORMOUS POTENTIAL IN THAT AREA F YOU LOOK

OUT 20 YEARS FOR IT TO TRANSFORM INTO SOMETHING MUCH MORE.

McCracken: AND THAT'S -- JUST USING THE ROUGH METRIC, DOWNTOWN BLOCKS ARE 1.76 ACRES PER BLOCK. YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT 15 DOWNTOWN BLOCKS THEN THAT COULD BE IN PLAY IF THE STATE WOULD DO SOMETHING WITH THEIR SURFACE PARKING LOTS, FOR INSTANCE ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE CAPITOL OR PARKING GARAGES WHICH THE STATE HAS TOLD US ARE 33 PERCENT USED?

RIGHT. I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE TALK ABOUT IN THE PLAN FOR THE REPORT IS THAT WE THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE STATE DO A COMPREHENSIVE EVALUATION OF ITS OWN FACILITY NEEDS WELL INTO THE FUTURE. BECAUSE CLEARLY AS A DOWNTOWN, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE STATE GOVERNMENT STAYS IN THE DOWNTOWN AND IS NOT DECENTRALIZING ITSELF INTO OTHER AREAS. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE STATE TO EVALUATE ITS OWN FACILITY NEEDS WELL INTO THE FUTURE. BUT OUR HIGH POTENTIAL IS -- HYPOTHESIS IS EVEN WITH THE FACILITY NEEDS THAT ARE SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OTHER TYPES OF DEVELOPMENT TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THIS AREA TO CREATE A MORE VIBRANT, MIXED USE DISTRICT. AND I THINK THAT WILL BE A LEVEL OF EFFORT THAT COULD BE A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE STATE AS WE SEE IN OTHER CITIES AROUND THE COUNTRY.

McCracken: IN THAT REGARD ALSO, BUT HOW MUCH OF THE STATE-OWNED PROPERTY THAT COULD BE DEVELOPED IF IT WERE PUT TO HIGHEST AND BEST USE, HOW MUCH OF THAT PROPERTY IS IN VIEW CORRIDOR SIGHTCORRIDORS?

I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT ACHTUNG, BUT A LOT OF THE AREA ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE CAPITOL IS IN VIEW CORRIDORS. THE VIEWS FROM THE I-35 TO THE DOME VALUE IN THAT VIEW SHE HAD GENERALLY. AND THE HEIGHTS GENERALLY RANGE FROM 50 TO 70 FEET IN THAT RANGE. SO THEY ARE CONSTRAINED BY THE VIEWS.

McCracken: I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US TO GET MAYBE EVEN ANOTHER FINER GRAIN OF ANALYSIS, WHICH WOULD BE HOW MANY PROPERTIES, FOR INSTANCE, ARE IN VIEW CORRIDORS THAT ARE IN THAT MID RISE HEIGHT RANGE. FOR INSTANCE, OBVIOUSLY I THINK THAT IT SHOULD BE VERY CLEAR THAT WE NEED TO BE COMPLETELY RETHINKING THE WOOLDRIDGE PARK VIEW CORRIDOR WHEN THE ADJACENT PROPERTIES ARE PAD DRIVE-THROUGH BANS WITH A ZERO HEIGHT PERMITTED, I SEE THEM MAKING PARKS OR RETHINK THEM. THAT ONE IS JUST -- IT CLEARLY NEEDS TO BE RETHOUGHT. I THINK THERE'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO DEFINE AN ALTERNATIVE PHYSICAL VISION THAT COULD EMERGE IF WE HAD SOME SORT OF CHANGE. MAYBE AS A CHANGE IN USE IT ONLY GOT TO MID RISE HOUSING RANGE, FOR INSTANCE. BUT LET ME ASK YOU THIS ALSO. IN LOOKING AT WOOLDRIDGE PARK, ANOTHER PROBLEM WITH WOOLDRIDGE PARK IS THAT IT IS SIGNIFICANTLY BELOW GRADE. I THINK IT'S A FORMER LANDFILL AT ONE POINT. CAN YOU TELL US WHAT ARE THE IMPACTS FROM AN URBAN PLANNING STANDPOINT OF HAVING

PARKS THAT ARE ACTUALLY SPOKE BELOW V LINE FROM THE SIDEWALK?

CLEARLY I THINK WITH A PARK, AN URBAN SQUARE, IF YOU LOOK AT THE GREAT URBAN SQUARES AROUND THE COUNTRY, THEY ARE PLACE DOLLARS ENGAGED WITH THE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE HOOPING AROUND THEM. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE FIRST OF ALL THAT WE HAVE THAT SITUATION WHERE WE HAVE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE SPATIALLY DEFINING AND ACTIVATING THOSE SQUARES. WHEN YOU THEN ALSO IN ADDITION TO NOT HAVING VERY ENGAGED DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE ENGZ, YOU ALSO HAVE AN OPEN SPACE THAT IS SIGNIFICANTLY SUNK AND REMOVED FROM THE STREET THAT EX-SASS CERTIFY BATES THE ISSUE EVEN FURTHER. SO I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE NEED TO DO AS THAT BEING ONE OF THE DISTRICTS THAT WE'RE RECOMMENDING IS TO LOOK AT THAT AND SEE WHATEVER WE CAN IMPROVE THAT SITUATION. AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS AN HISTORIC PLACE. IT'S GOT A LOT OF HISTORIC OLD VEGETATION THAT YOU WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ON -- IT HAS VALUE. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO STLOA THROA THE BABY OUT WITH THE BATH WATER, BUT CERTAINLY YOU CAN NOT DESCRIBE IT AS A SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC SPACE AT THIS POINT IN TIME. AND I THINK WE NEED TO LOOK AT WAYS, BOTH ADJACENT TO IT AND WITHIN IT OF WAYS OF IMPROVING IT. I THINK THAT GOES FOR THE OTHER TWO SQUARES AND EVEN THE THEIR POTENTIAL ONE OR THE FOURTH POTENTIAL ONE.

McCracken: YEAH. THAT REALLY DOES RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE OTHER KIND OF -- ACTUALLY, IN MANY WAYS THE MORE (INDISCERNIBLE) SQUARE, WHICH IS BRUSH SQUARE. BASICALLY IT LOOKS LIKE A TRAILER PARK. THAT'S RIGHT ACROSS FROM OUR CONVENTION CENTER, FROM OUR RAIL STOP. SO I REALLY THINK THERE'S A LOT OF OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE. I THINK THAT AS WE LOOK AT -- LIKE IN THE CASE OF, SAY, WOOLDRIDGE SQUARE, IF WE WERE TO RECOMMEND AS A COUNCIL SOME CHANGE, THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A PUBLIC BENEFIT THAT REPLACES THE VIEW CORRIDOR. LIKE I THINK THE PUBLIC WOULD RIGHTFULLY AND FAIRLY ASK WHAT IS THE PUBLIC INTEREST BEING ADVANCED IN REMOVING THIS VIEW CORRIDOR IF IT JUST BECOMES SOMETHING FOR RICH PEOPLE, WHICH THE MARKET IS PRODUCING QUITE AN ABUNDANCE OF AS IT IS? IF WE WERE TRADING A VIEW CORRIDOR AT WOOLDRIDGE SQUARE TO PUT UP HOUSING FOR PENAL OF ALL PRICE RANGES AND WHERE YOU HAD -- INCLUDING GENUINELY DEEP AFFORDABILITY, I THINK THAT WOULD BE ONE EXAMPLE WHERE ONE PUBLIC BENEFIT WAS EXCHANGED FOR ANOTHER. I THINK THAT KIND OF HAS TO BE OUR GUIDING PRINCIPAL IN PRINCIPLE -- GUIDING PRINCIPLE IN ALL OF THIS, IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ALTERING ONE BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC AND DHIEWNT THE REPLACEMENTS SHOULD BE A DIFFERENT MEANINGFUL BENEFIT TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST. SO THAT IS WITH A GUIDES ME FROM MY SPEAKER SPECT ACTIVE PERSPECTIVE. MY FINAL THOUGHT ON STATE PROPERTIES. I SEE A TON OF THIS DOWN IN THE SUBSEQUENT PAGE, AND IT IS -- I CAN'T REMEMBER WHICH PAGE IT IS. WHERE ARE THE CITY PROPERTIES ON THIS? I COINLT REALLY COULDN'T REALLY TELL THE COLOR DIFFERENCE. IT'S REAL FINE BETWEEN THE CITY AND FEDERAL BLOCKS.

THE FEDERAL BLOCKS WEREN'T ON THAT DIAGRAM, BUT THE CITY'S WERE. THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT, THE MUNICIPAL COURTS AND A.P.D. COMPLEX ALONG I-35.

McCracken: I'M LOOK AGHT THIS ONE RIGHT HERE. IT INCLUDES FEDERAL WHICH ARE RED AND CITY WHICH ARE ORANGE, BUT THEY KIND OF -- IT'S HARD TO TELL SOME OF THESE IF THEY'RE CITY OR FEDERAL.

WE'LL GET YOU A BETTER COPY OF THAT.

McCracken: I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR US. HERE IN A COUPLE OF HOURS, AN HOUR OR SO, WE'LL BE TAKING UP THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT REDEVELOPMENT. AND WE'VE HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH STAKEHOLDERS AND AMONG OUR SELF ABOUT POTENTIALLY EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE REQUEST TO INCLUDE OTHER CITY OABLED PROPERTIES THAT COULD BE REDEVELOPED SUCH AS (INDISCERNIBLE), MAYBE THE ONE TEXAS CENTER SITE AJAY STOANT THE LONGADJACENT TO THE LONG CENTER. IT'S THE LONGEST REDEVELOPMENT IN THE HISTORY OF AUSTIN. I CAN'T THINK OF SOMETHING THAT'S BIGGER. AT LEAST OF A NON-GOVERNMENTAL VARIETY. THERE ARE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO BRING PUBLIC CITY OWNED LAND AND ADVANCE PUBLIC VALUES. THAT WOULD BE GOOD TO KNOW HERE QUICKLY. LIKE THE NEXT COUPLE OF HOURS IF IS POSSIBLE.

THE MUNICIPAL COURTS SITE ALONG WALLER CREEK IS A GREAT PUBLIC PROPERTY THAT MAYBE IN THE LONGER TERM COULD --

I'M NOT MESSING WITH THE WALLER CREEK TUNNEL. I HAVE SEMI EXPERTS FLANKING ME. ON AFFORDABILITY, WHERE DO YOU SEE THE CUTOFF BEING ON HOW YOU DEFINE MID RISE HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.

McCracken: HOW MUCH OF THIS IS RELATED TO THE FRAMING MATERIAL COMPARED TO THE ELEVATOR SYSTEMS AND H VAC SYSTEMS AND THINGS LIKE THAT.

ELEVATORRING, FIRE PROTECTION, STEEL. IT'S INCREDLY EXPENSIVE AND ONLY GETTING MORE SO. THE HARD CONSTRUCTION COSTS ARE ALMOST TWICE THE COST OF THE LOWER RICE. LOWER COLORADO RIVER AUTHORITY RISE. IT IS IN THE CONSTRUCTION ITSELF. THE ELEVATOR SYSTEMS, FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEMS AND THE MATERIALS THEMSELVES ARE THE PRIME PRODUCERS OF THE COST.

McCracken: YOU HAVE SHOWN IN THE PREVIOUS PRESENTATION SOME INCREDIBLE DENSITIES THAT SAN FRANCISCO WAS ABLE TO ACHIEVE IN LIKE 40, 60-FOOT DISTRICTS. HOW ARE THEY ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE DENSITIES OF THAT LOWER HEIGHT? IS IT BECAUSE THE MASSER IS JUST BROADER AS OPPOSED TO HIGHER AND NARROWER?

THE EXAMPLE THAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO IS IN THE FULL REPORT. WE POINT OUT THAT

EVEN WHEN THERE ARE LOW HEIGHT LIMITS AS IN THE NORTH BEACH NEIGHBORHOOD OF SAN FRANCISCO WHERE THERE'S A HEIGHT LIMIT OF 40 FEET, THEY ACHIEVE DENSITIES OF I BELIEVE THE NUMBER WAS 75 TO 90 HOUSEHOLDS PER ACRE. WHICH IS ACTUALLY DENSER THAN THE NEIGHBORHOODS OF THE WEST END OF VANCOUVER, WHICH PEOPLE TYPICALLY POINT TO AS BEING HIGH DENSITY NEIGHBORHOODS. THE WAY THEY DO THAT IS IT'S ATTACHED HOUSING, WAKE-UP FLATS. AND IT'S JUST A MUCH MORE COMPACT FORM OF DEVELOPMENT. THE OTHER THING THAT THEY DO IS THAT THE PARKING, THERE'S SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSIT SYSTEM THAT NOT EVERY UNIT DOES NOT HAVE A SINGLE PARKING SPACE DEDICATED TO IT. THERE ARE AREAS OF CENTRAL PARKING AND SOME UNITS DON'T NEED PARKING BECAUSE THEY USE TRANSIT.

McCracken: THAT IS FASCINATE TO GO ME THAT A 40-FOOT HEIGHT DISTRICT IN SAN FRANCISCO HAS A GREATER DENSITY THAN VANCOUVER'S HI-RISE. I HAD NOT HER THAT BEFORE. THAT'S REALLY AN EYE OPENING THING FOR ME AS WE CONSIDER WHAT OUR STREANG IS IN THE GREEN REDEVELOPMENT, I THINK WE'VE ALL FOCUS ODD FOCUS FOCUSED ON DENSITY OF PEOPLE AND HAVING THE BROADEST RANGE OF THE COMMUNITY, A DEVELOPMENT THAT EVERYBODY COULD BE A PART OF. SO IF WE CAN GET THESE DENSITIES AND IT'S NOT ABOUT THE HEIGHT, BUT IT'S MORE ABOUT THE NUMBER OF FOLKS YOU GET IN THERE AT EVEN A LOWER HEIGHT, I THINK THAT IS A MEANINGFUL THING FOR US AS WE MOVE IN TO THE RFP LATER THIS AFTERNOON.

I WANTED TO MENTION THE ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE OF WHAT JIM SAID ABOUT MASS TRANSIT. IF YOUR BASIC UNIT SIZE IS 800 TO 900 FEET, A PARKING SPACE IS GOING TO BE -- BY THE TIME YOU HAVE THE EXIT RAMPS, THE RAMPING, THE SPACE ITSELF, IT WILL BE 300, 350 FEET. SO JUST ELIMINATING THE PARKING GIVES YOU A DENSITY BONUS OF ABOUT 30 TO 40 PERCENT ALONE. SO THE KIND OF DENSITY YOU SEE IN THESE INTACT URBAN NEIGHBORHOODS ARE REALLY ONLY MADE POSSIBLE BY THE ELIMINATION OF THE DEPENDENCE ON THE AUTOMOBILE AND THE PRESENCE THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ONE TO ONE OR EVEN .8 PARKING REQUIREMENTS. YOU JUST CAN'T GET NORTH BEACH DENSITIES OR DENSITIES LIKE THAT WHEN 40 PERCENT OF THE BUILT AREA IS DEVOTED TO THE AUTOMOBILE.

McCracken: I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS IN DENSITY BETWEEN THE TWO AMLI PROPERTIES. THEY'RE BOTH GREAT BUILDINGS, BUT THE -- BLOCK 20, THE ONE THAT JUST FINISHED, HAS A 5.4 FAR, I BELIEVE. WE HAVE A SLIDE IN THE FULL REPORT THAT SHOWS THAT. AND THE OTHER ONE I BELIEVE IS SOMETHING SIMILAR. IT IN THAT RANGE.

SO WE SEE TWO GREAT PROJECTS, DIFFERENT VISIONS, BUT IT'S ALSO CLEARLY ONE IS ABOUT HALF THE HEIGHT OF THE OTHER AND YET THEY SEEM TO HAVE THE SAME DENSITY. ALONG THOSE LINES, THE SPRING AND 360 PROJECTS ARE HI-RISE POINT TOWER PROJECTS THAT ARE AT LEAST ADVERTISED THAT THEY ARE SELLING UNITS AS THROW LOWE AS ABOUT 200 TO \$225,000 PER ONE BEDROOM UNIT STARTING OFF. THAT'S QUITE A BIT LOWER THAN WE'VE SEEN BOTH ELSEWHERE IN THE MARKET HERE IN AUSTIN, BUT

ALSO IN THE MEDIAN CONDO PRICES HERE. DO YOU HAVE A SENSE OF HOW THE POINT TOWER PROJECTS ARE ABLE TO ACHIEVE SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER PRICE POINTS? ARE THE SMALLER UNITS GETTING SUBSIDIZED? IS IT THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESSES? IS IT A COMBINATION?

FIRST, WE'RE LOOKING AT A BLENDED PRICE IN WHICH YOU'RE TAKING THE VERY EXPENSIVE UNITS WITH GREAT VIEWS AT THE TOP, COMBINING THEM WITH SOME OF THE LOWER PRICED UNITS, WHICH MAY BE SMALLER AND HAVE LESS VIEW AMENITIES. SO I'M SURE THAT THE LOWER END PRICES IS VERY DIFFERENT THAN THE AVERAGE PRICE. WE HAVE HAD A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE WITH THE DAA AND HAD A CHANCE YESTERDAY TO TALK THROUGH SOME OF THE ECONOMICS OF FRANKLY BOTH OF THOSE TWO PROJECTS. AND I THINK YOU'LL SEE THE AVERAGE PRICE ON THESE UNITS IS GOING TO BE A LITTLE CLOSETORY SOME OF THE NUMBERS WE'RE REFLECTING HERE THAN THE 200, 250 MEMBER. I THINK YOU'LL SEE THEM ON AVERAGE WHEN THEY'RE DONE CLOSER TO 350, 400, 450, ALTHOUGH SOME UNITS ARE SMALLER AND IN LESS DESIRABLE LOCATIONS WILL CERTAINLY GO FOR A LESSER PRICE POINT.

McCracken: BUT I GUESS THAT RAISES THE QUESTION IF THEY'RE IN LESS DESIRABLE LOCATIONS IN THE BUILDING, STILL THEY'RE EITHER BEING SUBSIDIZED BY THE OTHER UNITS OR THE CONSTRUCTION PRICE PER UNIT -- OR THEY'RE NOT BEING SUBSIDIZED. SO LET'S SAY IT'S GOT A CONSIDERED LESS FAVORABLE LOCATION IN THE BUILDING. HOW ARE THEY GETTING A LOWER PRICE? ARE THEY GETTING A LOWER PRICE ON THAT UNIT BECAUSE IT'S BEING SUBSIDIZED BY OTHER UNITS OR ARE THEY GETTING A LOWER PRICE FOR THAT UNIT BECAUSE THEY'RE MAKING MORE PROFIT ON THE OTHER UNITS AND THEY STILL MAKE PROFIT ON THE ONE UNIT?

I DON'T WANT TO SPEAK FOR THE DEVELOPER. I ASSUME THAT THEY'RE ACTING RATIONALLY LIKE ANY OTHER DEVELOPER, WHICH IS TO SAY THEY'RE CHARGING THE MOST THEY CAN FOR A UNIT IN ALL FAIRNESS. AND THERE'S GOING TO BE UNITS AT THE TOP OF A BUILDING HAD WHICH HAVE GORGEOUS COMMANDING VIEWS FOR WHICH THE MARKET PRICE WILL BE HIGHER. SO I WOULDN'T NECESSARILY CALL IT A CROSS SUBSIDIZING SYSTEM, BUT WHEN I PUT A BUILDING ON THE MARKET I'M INTERESTED IN WHAT'S MY AVERAGE PER SQUARE FOOT SELLING PRICE. AND THAT AVERAGE IS GOING TO HAVE A VERY WIDE RANGE BETWEEN MY LEAST AFFORDABLE AND MY MOST AFFORDABLE. AND THERE'S A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF CROSS SUBSIDY BETWEEN THE TWO, ALL BUILDINGS, ALL HAVE TO HAVE THAT BECAUSE THEY'RE MORE OR LESS DESIRABLE.

McCracken: ON, I'M GOING TO STOP YOU REAL QUICK. THAT'S IMPORTANT FOR US. AS THE POLICYMAKERS WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT IS THE BREAK EVEN POINT BASED ON CONSTRUCTION COSTS. THAT IS MEANINGFUL INFORMATION. IF HI-RISES HAVE A CERTAIN FIXED COST DUE TO THE PRICE OF THE CONCRETE AND STEEL AND ELEVATOR SHAFTS, AND THAT'S JUST I AM AN IMMUTABLE LAW OF PHYSICS, THAT'S A SEPARATE ISSUE FROM THE DESIRABILITY OF THE LOCATION. I'M PROBABLY SAYING THIS REALLY POORLY, BUT IF

WE'RE JUST TRYING TO FIGURE OUT THE LEVEL OF WHAT HARD COSTS ARE IN DETERMINING THE SUBSIDY YOU NEED FOR AFFORDABILITY, IT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE IF THAT CONSTRUCTION COST IN A LESS DESIRABLE LOCATION IS ONLY 150 OR 175,000 VERSUS 350,000.

WHEN YOU BUILD ONE OF THESE LARGE BUILDINGS, YOU DON'T REALLY ALLOCATE THE CONSTRUCTION COST TO AN INDIVIDUAL UNIT. AND YOU DON'T SAY, GEE, THE UNIT IS ON THE LOWER FLOOR AND THEREFORE IT COSTS ME LESS TO BUILD THAN A UNIT ON A HIGHER FLOOR, THEREFORE I WILL CHARGE LESS. THE COST, AS JIM SAID, OF THE STEEL, OF THE CONCRETE, OF THE VERTICAL SYSTEMS, OF ALL THE HVA SYSTEMS, YOU WILL SPREAD IT ACROSS THE WHOLE BUILDING AND LOOK AT IT AS ONE COST. AND THEN SO YOUR PRICING IS GOING TO BE WHAT YOU THINK THAT UNIT CAN COMMAND IN THE MARKETPLACE FROM A CUSTOMER. AND IT'S REALLY GOING TO BE DISASSOCIATED FROM THE PRICE. YOU MAY SEE A 60 OR 70% SPREAD IN THE PER SQUARE FOOT PRICING OF A UNIT IN A BUILDING. THE UNIT ON THE GROUND FLOOR COSTS THE SAME THING AS THE UNIT IN THE SKY BECAUSE YOU'RE ALLOCATING THE STEEL AND CONCRETE AND THE VERTICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS AGAINST ALL OF THEM.

McCracken: OKAY. IT'S ALSO HELPFUL BECAUSE AS WE LOOK AT THE POTENTIAL PUBLIC SUBSIDY NEEDED ON UNITS, I THINK WHAT WE'RE SEEING ALREADY IS THAT HIGHER PRICED UNITS AND PURE MARKET RATE DEVELOPMENTS, I'M GATHERING FROM WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, THAT THE FOURTH FLOOR UNIT FACING THE ALLEY THAT'S SELLING FOR \$200,000 OR \$225,000 IS ALREADY -- PRIVATE MARKET IS ALREADY DOING AN INTERNAL SUBSIDIZATION OF THOSE UNITS, WHICH I THINK IS MEANINGFUL FOR US DETERMINING WHAT LEVEL OF PUBLIC SUBSIDY BE REQUIRED IF THE MARKET IS ALREADY DOING THAT INTERNALLY, I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE BUYING DOWN, FOR INSTANCE, \$380,000 OF BUY-DOWN IF THE MARKET IS SELLING THESE AT MARKET RATES SAY FOR \$225,000 OR 250 IN CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION. DO YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING? [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

AND I THINK WHEN YOU GET SORT OF THE COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING POLICY THAT THIS COUNCIL, THIS COMMUNITY CERTAINLY WANTS, THOSE ARE THE KINDS OF ELEMENTS THAT I THINK JIM AND JAN AND I HOPE TO INCORPORATE INTO OUR RECOMMENDATIONS.

McCracken: A COUPLE MORE QUESTIONS. THE GREEN R.F.P. AND IF THAT IS WE WERE TO PURSUE A STRATEGY OF ENCOURAGING PROPOSERS TO PARTNER WITH THE CITY TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR CITY EMPLOYEES OR FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THE GREEN DEVELOPMENT OR EVEN TO PROMOTE PARTNERSHIPS TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR MUSICIANS AND ARTISTS, WHAT ARE THE LEGAL ISSUES AND EXPERIENCES FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY THAT THE PROPOSER SHOULD BE THINKING ABOUT?

I THINK THE FIRST QUESTION IS HOW DO YOU BALANCE ALL THE MULTIPLE OBJECTS AS I WAS SAYING AND CERTAINLY THEY ARE ISSUES OF AFFORDABILITY AND ISSUES OF

ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS AND TRY TO BALANCE THAT WITH OTHER OBJECTIVES, I'M SURE THE PEOPLE DRAFTING IT ARE LOOKING AT IT CAREFULLY.

McCracken: WE'RE THE ONES DRAFTING IT.

IT IS SUCH A CRITICAL SITE AND WHAT THE PLAN FOR THE SITE HAS TO BE ENVISIONED IN THE CONTEXT OF WHAT THIS WHOLE PART OF DOWNTOWN REALLY NEEDS TO BECOME. I THINK A CORE OF WHAT JIM AND JAN AND I ARE SAYING TO YOU IS THAT THESE CATALYTIC PROJECTS HAVE TO BE THOUGHT ABOUT IN THE CONTEXT OF HOW THEY ANCHOR DISTRICTS. AND THE BENEFITS THAT A COMMUNITY CAN GET OFF THE PROJECT ARE BOTH THAT WHICH OCCURS WITHIN THE FOUR BOUNDARIES OF THE SITE ITSELF, BUT A LOT OF IMPORTANT ECONOMIC OBJECTIVES I'VE SEEN SOMETIMES COME FROM, FRANKLY, COMING AWAY WITH A LITTLE LESS MONEY ON THE SITE ITSELF BUT CREATING THE KIND OF AMENITY THAT CAN SPARK VALUE ALL AROUND IT. SO THAT THE LONG TERM, THE GOAL ALWAYS NEED FOR PUBLIC LAND TO GET LONG-TERM PUBLIC VALUE OUT OF IT, BUT I THINK IN MANY CASES THE REAL LONG-TERM PUBLIC VALUE CAN COME FROM THE SOMETIME STIMULATIVE EFFECTS AND WHEN YOU COME UP WITH THE FINAL R.F.P. YOU THINK NOT JUST LIKE A CONVENTIONAL LAND SELLER WOULD BE, WHAT'S MAXIMUM LAND VALUE ON THE DIRT ITSELF, BUT HOW DO WE MAXIMIZE PUBLIC VALUES.

McCracken: AND YOU ARE SINGING MY TUNE. THAT IS WHY I'M ASKING THE QUESTION BECAUSE I AGREE WITH YOU. I DO NOT BELIEVE THE PURPOSE OF THE GREEN REDEVELOPMENT IS TO HAVE US ACT LIKE A PRIVATE LAND SELLER WHERE WE CAN MAKE THE MOST MONEY POSSIBLE. I BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE MORE LIKE WHAT WE DID AT THE MUELLER REDEVELOPMENT WHERE WE HAD A CHANCE -- AND JIM ADAMS WAS THE GUY THAT DEVELOPED THE VISION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMUNITY FOR US. THAT'S A VERY PROFITABLE DEVELOPMENT. IT'S MIXED USE, IT HAS HOUSING, 25% AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND EVERY HOME IS NO FURTHER THAN 300 FEET FROM THE PARK OR RUNNING TRAIL. AS WE LOOK AT AN EFFORT IN A MORE CHALLENGING SITUATION WHICH IS HIGHER HOUSING TO FOLLOW OUR SUCCESSFUL MODEL OF MUELLER OF USING PUBLIC LAND TO FURTHER PUBLIC VALUES AND ALSO BE SOMETHING THE PRIVATE SECTOR WOULD WANT TO DO, WHAT ARE THE ISSUES WE SHOULD BE AWARE OF WHEN IT COMES TO CREATING WORKFORCE HOUSING FOR OUR OWN EMPLOYEES, THEY CAN WALK TO WORK AND ALSO IF WE WANTED TO PUT HOUSING FOR TEACHERS WHO AREN'T OUR EMPLOYEES, FOR INSTANCE, AND FINALLY HOUSING FOR MUSICIANS AND FILMMAKERS?

THERE ARE EXAMPLES AROUND THE COUNTRY OF MUNICIPALITIES WHO ARE -- WHO HAVE INITIATED PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT THEIR EMPLOYEES' HOUSING PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT DOWNTOWN LIVING FOR CITY EMPLOYEES. AND WE COULD DO SOME MORE RESEARCH ON THAT FOR YOU. THERE ARE ALSO SOME GREAT EXAMPLES NATIONWIDE OF ARTISTS HOUSING THAT HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED AND THERE'S A GROUP OUT OF MINNEAPOLIS WHO SPECIALIZES IN ARTIST, MUSICIAN HOUSING FOR NON-PROFITS. THERE ARE ISSUES WITH THE FAIR HOUSING ACT THAT HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY DEALT WITH, BUT THERE ARE SOME

GOOD CASE STUDIES FOR THAT. IF THE CITY IS INTERESTED IN, FOR INSTANCE, SUPPORTING EMPLOYEE HOUSING, ITS OWN EMPLOYEE HOUSING, THERE ARE SOME VERY GOOD MODELS.

WE'VE DONE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF HOUSING FOR ARTISTS AND MUSICIANS AND SOME WORK WELL, SOME DON'T. YOU END UP WITH VERY COMPLICATED DEFINITIONAL ISSUES. SOMEBODY WHO IS A MUSICIAN TODAY MAY NOT BE IN A YEAR AND A HALF?

McCracken: DOES THAT EVER HAPPEN?

YOU SAY WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, HOW DO YOU ENFORCE. IT'S A LAUDIBLE GOAL IN WHICH SOME OF THE MODELS WORK AND SOME OF THEM HAVE SERIOUS DOWNSTREAM PROBLEMS.

McCracken: I THINK ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES OF HAVING TEENS COMPETE ON -- TEAMS COMPETE ON VISIONS THAT MOST FULLY INCORPORATE THE MUELLER REDEVELOPMENT MODEL OF A PROFITABLE DEVELOPMENT THAT ADVANCES COMMUNITY VALUES AND IS A PLACE FOR EVERYBODY, I THINK WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE DIFFERENT VISIONS EMERGE FROM THE R.F.P. PROCESS THAT WE WON'T EVEN THINK OF LEVERAGING TO CREATE JUST LIKE ROMAN AND COTELLAS OF LEVERAGING THE CREATIVITY, OF THE MARKETING AND THE PUBLIC TO CREATE A PLACE THAT REPRESENTS AUSTIN AND IS A PLACE FOR EVERYBODY.

ONE OF THE THINGS I THINK ABOUT MUELLER I'D LIKE TO SAY IS THAT THE THING THAT YOU GUYS -- THAT THE CITY DID AT MUELLER I THINK IS THAT YOU BASICALLY HAD PATIENT CAPITAL. YOU WEREN'T DEMANDING UPFRONT PAYMENTS BY THE DEVELOPER. YOU ALLOWED THE DEVELOPER -- YOU ARE TAKING THE LAND DOWN IN PHASES, AND THAT I THINK IS THE NUMBER ONE REASON WHY MUELLER IS ABLE TO ACHIEVE THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC OBJECTIVES THAT IT IS DOING, THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THE OPEN SPACE, WE NEVER DREAMED THAT WE WERE GOING TO GET AS MUCH OPEN SPACE AS EARLY AS WE HAVE AT MUELLER. AND IT REALLY IS BECAUSE OF THE CITY'S PATIENT POLICY ON REALIZING THE CAPITAL, WHICH I THINK NOW THEY ARE GOING TO -- YOU ARE GOING TO REALIZE EVEN MORE SO BECAUSE OF THAT PATIENCE. AND THAT MAY BE A MODEL THAT YOU COULD LOOK AT AT GREEN AS WELL.

McCracken: I THINK IT'S A GOOD POINT, JIM. THAT'S REAL HELPFUL BECAUSE YOU ARE OUR POINT PERSON HERE AT THE CITY AS DEVELOPING THE VISION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY. AND WE'RE DOING THINGS LIKE PHASING THE PROJECT AND DOING TAX INCREMENT FINANCE, 380 AGREEMENTS BE, AND YOU -- UTILIZING A WHOLE MENU OF PUBLIC FINANCING OPTIONS, I THINK PROPERLY AT SEAHOLM WE'RE DOING A 30-YEAR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT TO REHAB A BUILDING. WE CAN PLACE AS HIGH A PRIORITY ON HOUSING EITHER JUST FOR OUR OWN EMPLOYEES, I THINK GENERALLY FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY BY TAKING THAT SAME APPROACH FROM MUELLER AND SEAHOLM

AND THAT'S GOOD. ON THE BIKE LANE ISSUE, WE TALKED ABOUT THIS BEFORE, BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS VERY PHOTO YOU HAVE FROM MONTREAL. HE HAD TRIED TO DO A BIKEWAY PROPOSAL ABOUT THREE YEARS AGO AND PUBLIC WORKS SAID IT HAD TO BE 6 FEET HIGH WITH ORANGE CONES. I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IN CREATING PUBLIC BIKEWAYS TO TAKE THAT MONTREAL EXAMPLE TO SHOW WE'RE JUST NOT FAMILIAR WITH IT IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, AND I THINK IT'S A GREAT LEARNING OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW BEST PRACTICES AND SHOW, HEY, MAYHEM AND CARNAGE HAPPEN IN MONTREAL FROM DOING THIS AND THEY HAVE SNOW. ON THE TRANSIT AND ALIGNMENTS, CAN YOU GIVE US A SENSE OF VALUE ON SHORT HEADWAYS, BASICALLY THE DIFFERENCE SAVED FROM A LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM OR ULTRA LIGHT RAIL COMPARED TO A COMMUTER RAIL SYSTEM THAT HAS LESS FREQUENT -- RUNS LESS FREQUENTLY, HAS FEWER STOPS, MORE PEOPLE ON IT?

WELL, I THINK EACH OF THOSE SYSTEMS HAS THEIR OWN ROLE TO PLAY AND IN A MATURE AND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSIT SYSTEM YOU WOULD SIMPLY WANT BOTH. IN A COMMUTER SYSTEM TYPICALLY SERVES UP TO A 20, 30-MILE SHAD. THE ULTRA LIGHT CIRCULATOR STATE OFORSTREET CAR WOULD BE 3 TO 5-MILE RADIUS. AND I THINK YOU WANT TO DEVELOP A SYSTEM THAT DOES BOTH. I MEAN, THE LONGER HEADWAYS OF A COMMUTER RAIL SYSTEM THAT SERVES THE REGION PREDOMINANTLY FOR COMMUTERS BUT ALSO FOR SHOPPERS AND OTHERS COMING INTO THE DOWNTOWN, VERY IMPORTANT COMPONENT. THE DOWNTOWN CIRCULATOR THAT HAS MUCH SHORTER HEADWAYS, MUCH MORE FREQUENT STOPS, ALSO VERY IMPORTANT IF WE ARE GOING TO PROMOTE AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE AUTOMOBILE AND EVEN A PARK APPROACH WHERE PEOPLE COME INTO THE DOWNTOWN AND PARK AND SHOP AND DO MULTIPLE TRIPS COMFORTABLY AND WITH THE CONFIDENCE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO MOVE AROUND FAIRLY EFFICIENTLY. SO I THINK IT'S NOT AN EITHER/OR, IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU HAVE THE SYSTEMS WORKING TOGETHER.

McCracken: WE'VE ALREADY TASKED YOU TO -- GETTING GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF RAIL ANALYSIS OR TRANSIT ANALYSIS, EXCUSE ME. AND THAT'S BASICALLY THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DOWNTOWN PLAN. BUT ON THE TRANSIT COMMITTEE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ SERVE ON, WE'RE LOOKING AT SYSTEMS THAT DON'T STOP AT THE FOUR WALLS OF DOWNTOWN BUT THAT ITS SYSTEMS ARE LINKED TO REGIONAL SYSTEMS. AND I THINK THERE'S BEEN DISCUSSION AMONG SOME OF US ABOUT ASKING TO LOOK AT EXPANDED BOUNDARIES FOR HERE TODAY, LOOK AT EXPANDED BOUNDARIES FOR TRANSIT PLANNING. AS YOU LOOK AT THAT, ONE OF THE REASONS I WANTED YOU TO DO A COMPLETE, FRESH TAKE ON THE CAPITAL METRO STREET CAR APPROACH IS THAT WE JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE SYSTEM THAT WE MIGHT BE PURSUING WAS ONE THAT MET OUR LANE USE OBJECTIVES AS OPPOSED TO HAVING A SILOED THINKING ABOUT TRANSPORTATION ISSUES. AND ALONG THOSE LINES THERE'S SOME ISSUES IS THE FREQUENCY OF THE HEADWAYS, THE DEDICATED LANES. ONE PROPOSAL TALKS ABOUT USING DEDICATED LANES. IN TALKING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CAMPO TRANSIT MEMBERS AS WELL AS COMMUNITY STAKE SHOARLDZ THERE IS A STRONG PREFERENCE FOR DEDICATED LANES. TO GIVE YOU THOSE RELIABLE, FREQUENT HEADWAYS WHERE YOU

CAN PREDICTABLY SAY IT WILL ARRIVE EVERY 10 MINUTES. WHICH IS NOT CAPITAL METRO'S VISION AND FOR UNDERSTANDABLE REASONS. BUT I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT IS REAL IMPORTANT AT LEAST FROM MY PERSPECTIVE THAT YOU LOOK AT IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS. I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO MAKE SURE THE ALIGNMENT YOU RECOMMEND ARE LINKED TO THE ABILITY TO DO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING SINCE THAT IS A LIKELY MAJOR FUNDING SOURCE FOR US IN A TRANSIT SYSTEM. ANOTHER ISSUE IS THE POTENTIAL OF THE MEDICAL SCHOOL, EITHER U.T. SOUTHWESTERN OR U.T. MEDICAL BRANCH. THE DISCUSSIONS WE'RE HEARING IS THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SYSTEM MAY ELECT TO HAVE A MEDICAL SCHOOL EITHER FOR UTMB OR U.T. SOUTHWESTERN AND WILL MAKE THAT DECISION IN COMING MONTHS AND THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT YOU COULD HAVE A RAIL ALIGNMENT, AS THE MAYOR SPOKE OF AND MAJOR EMPLOYERS ARE INTERESTED IN THAT CONNECTS THE BRACKENRIDGE, THE MEDICAL SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND MAYBE EVEN ST.DAVID'S TOO THE IF WE DECIDED TO GO FURTHER UP RED RIVER AND CONNECT TO MUELLER UP THERE. I THINK IT WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY MUCH AS HOUSTON HAS DONE WITH THEIR LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM OF LINKING THE VARIOUS MEDICAL FACILITIES WITH A TRANSIT SYSTEM. AND THEN FINALLY, I THINK JUST TO HAVE AN HONEST LOOK AT LOOKING AT WHICH -- SHOULD IT BE THE [INAUDIBLE] OR LIGHT RAIL OR ULTRA LIGHT RAIL DEDICATED SYSTEM, IN-TRAFFIC STREET CAR SYSTEM, SOME HYBRID. AND THOSE ARE ISSUES. AND FINALLY AS WE LOOK AT EXPANDED BOUNDARIES, WHAT WE DISCUSSED THE PERHAPS CONNECTION FROM THE AIRPORT INTO DOWNTOWN ALONG EAST RIVERSIDE THROUGH DOWNTOWN OVER TO ZILKER PARK, PAST THE LONG CENTER AND THE PALMER CENTER AND THE CHILDREN'S PARK AREA OF TOWN LAKE PARK AND BARTON SPRINGS. AND THEN FINALLY UP TO MUELLER PAST THE CAPITOL COMPLEX ADJACENT TO THE UNIVERSITY WITH THE MEDICAL FACILITY CONNECTIONS. AND I HAVE A FINAL QUESTION FOR YOU. THIS IS ON PARKING. YOU MENTIONED THE REQUIREMENTS IN THE CURRENT CODE RESULT IN MISALLOCATION OF PARKING. CAN YOU HELP US UNDERSTAND THAT BETTER? LIKE, HOW IS THAT MANIFESTING ITSELF?

WELL, I THINK -- I THINK THAT WE HAVE NOT DONE A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THIS, BUT WE HAVE A PERCEPTION THAT THERE IS CERTAINLY, YOU KNOW, THERE IS.

A LOT OF PARKING -- IF YOU JUST LOOK AROUND DOWNTOWN, THE PHYSICAL MANIFESTATION OF PARKING IS REALLY DOMINANT. THERE ARE PARKING GARAGES -- EVEN ON NEW BUILDINGS. SO THERE'S A SENSE THAT WE ARE PROVIDING A LOT OF PARKING FOR INDIVIDUAL BUILDINGS AND WE BELIEVE THERE COULD BE A MORE EFFICIENT AND I THINK COUNCIL'S ACTIONS DEMONSTRATE YOU MUST AS WELL, A MORE EFFICIENT APPROACH TO PROVIDING PARKING IN THE DOWNTOWN SO THAT EVERY BUILDING DOES NOT HAVE TO PROVIDE ITS FULL PARKING REQUIREMENT, THAT THERE WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE PARKING MORE EFFECTIVELY ACROSS THE DOWNTOWN. AND AS TRANSIT GETS DEVELOPED, TO LOWER THE PARKING DEMAND AND INCREASE PARKING REQUIREMENTS SO THAT WE LIMIT PARKING.

McCracken: IN THAT REGARD IN YOUR EXPERIENCE, WHAT IMPACT ON LANE USE DO BUSES HAVE COMPARED TO RAIL SYSTEMS?

WELL, IT'S SHOWN -- AND I DON'T HAVE EXACT NUMBERS, BUT RAIL CREATES APPRECIABLY GREATER RIDERSHIP. IT IS A -- IT'S A MORE COMMODE USE FORM OF TRANSIT AND IT ALSO HAS MUCH MORE DIRECT IMPACT ON LAND DEVELOPMENT BECAUSE OF ITS PERMANENCE IN THE INVESTMENT THAT IS MADE ON THOSE CORRIDORS. AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK AROUND THE COUNTRY IT'S BEEN SHOWN THAT LIGHT RAIL OR STREET CAR CREATES SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER LEVELS OF RIDERSHIP THAN RUBBER TIRE.

McCracken: AND I KNOW I'VE ASKED A LOT OF QUESTIONS. THERE'S IN MY MIND REAL IMPORTANT REASONS WE HAD TO DO THIS. POINT 06 PERCENT OF OUR LAND BASE IS PRODUCING 5% OF OUR TAX BASE. THE SECOND IS IN A COUPLE OF HOURS WE'RE GOING TO DO THE R.F.P. FOR WHAT THE LIKELY THE BIGGEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE HISTORY OF DOWNTOWN AUSTIN SO WE HAVE SOME IMPORTANT DECISIONS TO MAKE. THANKS A LOT FOR SOME GREAT WORK.

THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ.

Martinez: SORRY, I'LL BE A LOT QUICKER. ON THE ISSUE OF DEDICATED LAND, I AGREE THERE ARE DIFFERENT PROPOSALS THAT ARE OUT THERE AND THE CAMPO WORK GROUP IS TRYING TO COME TO A DECISION, YOU KNOW, BY MID-YEAR THIS YEAR. IS THERE ANY WAY WE COULD GET THAT INFORMATION BACK FROM YOU AS ONE OF THE NEXT DELIVERABLES SO THAT -- AND BE PRESENTED TO THE CAMPO WORK GROUP BEFORE JUNE SO THAT WE CAN ADD THAT IN TO, YOU KNOW, THE TOOLBOX FOR MAKING DECISIONS?

WE'VE BEEN TALKING WITH STAFF AND HAVE BEEN ATTENDING SOME OF THE CAMPO WORKING GROUP SESSIONS, AND WE ARE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A WAY OF ACCELERATING SOME OF THE INITIAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING SO THAT IT'S COINCIDING MORE CLOSELY WITH THE WORKING GROUP EFFORTS. AND OVER THE NEXT WEEK OR SO WE WILL -- ASSUMING THAT'S A DIRECTION YOU ALL WANT US TO TAKE, WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO MAKE THOSE TWO EFFORTS COINCIDE.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER, SEEMS TO ME TECHNICALLY WE'RE POSTED FOR A PRESENTATION OF THIS PHASE 1 REPORT AND THEN DISCUSSION ABOUT, YOU KNOW, POSSIBLE DIRECTION FOR NEXT STEPS. SEVERAL OF US HAVE BEEN GETTING WRITTEN ON AND WE ARE TESTIMONY AROUND TOWN SORT OF OPINING WHAT WOULD BE THEIR PRIORITY ON A TRUE SECOND PHASE. MY HOPE IS WE COULD SIMPLY DIRECT STAFF WITH WHAT I WOULD CALL AN EXPANDED PHASE 1, AS BOTH THE COUNCILMEMBERS POINT OUT, THE CAMPO TRANSIT WORKING GROUP IS MEETING WEEKLY EVERY MONDAY AND I WOULD

LIKE TO ASK STAFF IF AT ALL POSSIBLE TO COME BACK WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR A -- FRANKLY, JUST A MODEST EXPANSION OF THIS PHASE 1 THAT WOULD JUST UTILIZE THE MOMENTUM THAT WE HAVE WITH ALL OF THIS -- YOU KNOW, DATA AND ANALYSIS THAT THE ROMA GROUP HAS ACCOMPLISHED AND VERY SPECIFICALLY HAVE THEN ANALYZE THIS DOWNTOWN ROUTING AND PRODUCT MIX THAT COUNCILMEMBER McCRACKEN AND MARTINEZ TALKED ABOUT. SO IN THEORY IN OUR NEXT MEETING IN TWO WEEKS, EVEN POST FOR ACTION FOR EXPANDED PHASE 1, RECOGNIZING THAT HERE OVER THE COMING WEEKS AND EVEN MONTHS, PARTICULARLY AS WE ROLL INTO OUR BUDGET DELIBERATIONS, WE'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO TRULY PRIORITIZE WHAT WILL BE THE BIG SERVICES, LIKELY EXPENSIVE SERVICES FOR PHASE 2. I JUST THINK RIGHT NOW WE'LL WE HAVE THE MOMENTUM FROM ALL OF THIS WORK PRODUCT AND THE TRANSIT WORKING GROUP IS MEETING WEEKLY, YOU KNOW, WITH THE SHORT LEASH TO TRY TO COME UP WITH VERY SPECIFIC SUGGESTIONS FOR NOT ONLY CIRCULATING DOWNTOWN WITH A PRODUCT, BUT ALSO LINKING DOWNTOWN TO BOTH MUELLER AND BERGSTROM. SO PERHAPS WITHOUT OBJECTION, COUNCIL, WE CAN JUST CONSIDER THAT DIRECTION TO STAFF AND THEN SEE WHAT STAFF COMES BACK WITH, YOU KNOW, PROPERLY POSTED AND ANALYZE FOR ACTION IN TWO WEEKS TIME. COUNCILMEMBER McCRACKEN.

McCracken: I FULLY SUPPORT THAT. I THINK AS WE LOOK AT EXPANDING GEE GRAPH BEING BOUNDARIES, -- GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES, THE SALTILLO GROUP HAS DESIGNATED THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ANALYSIS AND THE PUBLIC PROCESS FOR CONSIDERED EXPANDING THE STREET CAR OR LIGHT RAIL SYSTEM, WHAT EMERGES EAST ALL THE WAY TO PLEASANT VALLEY, BASICALLY BACKING UP THE COMMUTER RAIL SYSTEM TO 7th AND PLEASANT VALLEY. HERE'S WHY THAT MATTERS. THAT'S WHERE THE ELGIN-MANOR LINE AND THE CAPITAL METRO RED LINE CONVERGE. A COMMITMENT, JUST A PUBLIC PROCESS, CONVERSATION GET THOSE 5 TO 10-MINUTE HEAD WAY STARTING AT PLEASANT VALLEY AS OPPOSED TO HAVING THAT START AT THE CONVENTION CENTER. I KNOW THAT IS TOGETHER -- SO I WOULD LIKE -- I THINK THAT WOULD BE -- I KNOW THAT'S SOMETHING THAT COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS ARE TOLD AGREE WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE AS PART OF A EXPANDED GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY. I THINK IT SHOULD CONNECT UP TO MULE EARN SOUTH BOTH TO ZILKER PARK AND BARTON SPRINGS AND OVER TO THE AIRPORT.

Mayor Wynn: SO MS. HUFFMAN, PERHAPS YOU SUMMARIZE WHAT YOU THINK WE'RE ASKING YOU TO DO.

SO WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE FOR US TO BRING BACK ON THE 28th IS A SCOPE OF SERVICE AND AN ACTION ITEM THAT WOULD INCLUDE EVALUATING TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA, TO MUELLER TO, THE AIRPORT, TO 7th AND PLEASANT VALLEY AND ZILKER PARK. I'M ASSUMING THAT SCOPE OF SERVICES WOULD INCLUDE NOT ONLY A ROUTE ANALYSIS BUT ALSO AN EQUIPMENT ANALYSIS.

Mayor Wynn: I WOULD LIKE THAT. BUT SINCE I ALSO DON'T WANT TO SEND THE WRONG SIGNAL OR SET ASIDE WHAT WOULD BE I THINK VERY APPROPRIATE, GOOD DEBATE ABOUT

WHAT I'LL CALL THE PHASE 2 PLAN, AND SO PERHAPS NOT SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO ANY ACTION ITEM WE MIGHT DO REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OR TRANSIT, BUT PERHAPS IF STAFF COULD JUST GIVE SOME THOUGHT AS TO RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW WE AS A STAKEHOLDING COMMUNITY WORK TOWARDS, YOU KNOW, THE DESIGN OF AND THE HOW WE'LL PAY FOR WHAT I WOULD CALL A LARGE PHASE 2. AND THERE'S FIVE BIG KEY PRIORITY CONCEPTS THAT HAVE COME OUT OF PHASE 1, AND I DON'T WANT TO NOT FORGET ABOUT THOSE.

AND MAYOR, SO MAYBE WHAT WE CAN DO ON PHASE 2 IS TO -- WE DO CENTER A NICE MENU OF OPTIONS THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE A VERY ROW BEST PHASE 2. WHAT WE WERE THINKING WE COULD DO IS START COSTING THOSE VARIOUS OPTIONS OUT AND COME BACK TO YOU IN MAYBE SORT OF A WORKSHOP SETTING, A 2:00 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND WORK THROUGH THAT MENU AND THE COST THAT WOULD BE ASSOCIATED WITH EACH OF THOSE ITEMS AND WORK WITH YOU TO START DEVELOPING THAT SCOPE OF SERVICES.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER COLE.

Cole: WHILE WE'RE DISCUSSING THE TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS, I WANTED TO BRING UP THE FACT THAT THE WALLER CREEK PROJECT WILL BE DONE IN SEVEN YEARS. AND I WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY TALKS, ESPECIALLY IN LINE WITH CONNECTING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ANY TRANSPORTATION ALONG RED RIVER OR ON 15th STREET OR -- DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THAT?

WELL, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WILL BE DOING AS PART OF THIS INITIAL EFFORT IS LOOKING AT DOWNTOWN TRANSIT CIRCULATION AND THAT MEANS BOTH BUS AS WELL AS ANY KIND OF CIRCULATOR SYSTEM. WE HAVE NOT IDENTIFIED ANY PARTICULAR STREET YET. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL WORKING SESSIONS WITH CAPITAL METRO JUST TO UNDERSTAND THE WAY THE EXISTING TRANSIT SYSTEM WORKS. BUT CERTAINLY INCREASE TRANSIT MOBILITY ON THE EAST SIDE OF DOWNTOWN IS AN IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE. WHETHER IT'S ALONG RED RIVER OR SAN JACINTO OR ONE OF THOSE MAJOR CORRIDORS. BUT THAT IS A PRODUCT OF OUR NEXT EFFORT.

SO WILL THAT BE SORT OF A PART OF YOUR PHASE 2 EFFORT?

OR THE EXPANDED PHASE 1 EFFORT.

Cole: OR THE EXPANDED PHASE 1. OKAY. ALONG THOSE SAME LINES, DURING YOUR PRESENTATION I WAS REALLY WANT TO GO HAVE SOME KIND OF VISION OF TIMING IN GENERAL. BUS WE HAVE BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF THINGS THAT ARE OUR ON PLATE LIKE GREEN AND DEVELOPMENTS WE'VE ALREADY APPROVED IN SPRING, AND I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL AND NOT NECESSARILY A PART OF THE EXPANDED PHASE 1 AT SOME POINT TO GET SOME SORT OF MODEL OR UNDERSTANDING OF THIS IS WHAT DOWNTOWN WILL LOOK LIKE IN 2009, THIS IS WHAT WE PROJECT, ESPECIALLY BETWEEN NOW AND THE

NEXT FIVE OR SEVEN YEARS BECAUSE WE DO BUDGETS FOR THAT LONG AND WE CAN SORT OF PLAN SOME OF OUR INFRASTRUCTURE, AND ESPECIALLY SOME OF THE BIG-TICKET ITEMS THAT WE ARE THINKING ABOUT. BECAUSE IT SEEMS SORT OF OVERWHELMING, AT LEAST IT DOES FOR ME, WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT'S NEEDED AT ONE TIME. BUT IF WE PLAN IT AND WE ALSO PLAN THE COSTS THAT GO WITH IT, THEN WE CAN KIND OF HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF THAT, AND ESPECIALLY IF YOU INCLUDE THE LIMITATIONS OF THE VIEW CORRIDOR SO THAT WE KNOW LAND THAT WON'T ACTUALLY BE DEVELOPED TO ITS HIGHEST POTENTIAL. AND THAT THE LAND THAT IS ACTUALLY LEFT WE COULD PROBABLY PUT SOME DOLLAR VALUES ON THAT AND BE REAL INTELLIGENT ABOUT OUR BUDGETING PROCESS AND WHEN WE CAN PAY FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE. AND THE LAST THING THAT YOU TALKED ABOUT THAT I THOUGHT WAS REAL INTERESTING -- ACTUALLY THERE WERE TWO THINGS. AIR RIGHTS TRANSFERS. I'VE HEARD ABOUT THOSE IN SOME OTHER CITIES. CAN YOU JUST GIVE ME A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HOW YOU WOULD SEE THAT WORKING OUT HERE POTENTIALLY?

WELL, AIR RIGHTS TRANSFERS WOULD BE IF, FOR INSTANCE, IT'S OFTEN DONE FOR HISTORIC BUILDINGS. JOHN MENTIONED IN OUR REPORT THE THEATER DISTRICT IN NEW YORK, FOR INSTANCE, WHERE YOU HAVE HISTORIC THEATERS, BUILDINGS THAT HAVE VERY LOW -- THEY ARE NOT USING THEIR FULL ENTITLEMENTS ON THEIR PROPERTY. BUT YET THEY ARE VERY IMPORTANT HISTORIC STRUCTURES, THEY ARE VERY IMPORTANT ECONOMIC ENGINES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT OR FOR THE DOWNTOWN THAT THEY EXIST IN. SO WHAT THE TRANSFER REGIME ALLOWS THEM TO DO IS TO SELL THE EXCESS DEVELOPMENT RIGHT TO ANOTHER PROPERTY OR TRANSFER THAT VALUE TO ANOTHER PROPERTY, AND THERE'S ACTUALLY A TRANSACTIONAL PROCESS WHERE THAT PROPERTY OWNER CAN GAIN ECONOMIC VALUE FROM THE TRANSFER. AND THIS IS DONE IN A LOT OF HISTORIC DISTRICTS, AND ITS APPLICABILITY HERE WILL DEPEND ON THE MARKET AND WHETHER THERE IS ACTUAL VALUE TO BE HAD IN SUCH TRANSFERS. FOR THAT TO WORK, YOU HAVE TO HAVE A VERY SPECIFIC AND UNDERSTANDABLE DENSITY LIMIT SO THAT PEOPLE CLEARLY UNDERSTAND WHAT THE LIMITATIONS ARE ON A PARTICULAR PROPERTY AND HOW THAT VALUE WOULD GET TRANSFERRED. BUT IT IS EFFECTIVE. IT'S USED IN VANCOUVER, SEATTLE, SAN FRANCISCO, NEW YORK, AND IT'S A POSSIBLE -- IT'S ONE TOOL WE COULD APPLY HERE.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER McCracken.

McCracken: I'M SORRY.

Cole: YOU MENTIONED ABOUT S.P.D. ON 8th STREET AND HOW IT WAS SUCH A VALUABLE PIECE OF PROPERTY. I WANTED TO GET MORE ON YOUR COMMENTS ON THAT BECAUSE IT'S ALONG WALLER CREEK. DOES IT HAVE A CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR?

I BELIEVE IT IS UNDER ONE OF THE CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDORS. I THINK OUR POINT ON THAT IS THAT JUST CERTAINLY FROM A WALLER CREEK PERSPECTIVE, THE PARKING GARAGE IS

HANGING OVER THE EDGE OF WALLER CREEK. IT'S A FACILITY THAT'S PROBABLY 30 YEARS OLD. AND AS WE LOOK FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE, I BELIEVE EVEN IF -- IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A RECONFIGURED A.P.D., MUNICIPAL COURTS THAT WOULD CREATE A MORE POSITIVE EDGE TO WALLER CREEK AND PERHAPS IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EVEN MIXED USE OR REDEVELOPMENT, DEPENDING ON WHAT THE GOALS OF -- WHAT YOUR GOALS ARE AND WHAT THEIR NEEDS ARE.

Cole: THANK YOU.

McCracken: I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE I HAVE A SENSE OF THE DIRECTION WE ARE GIVING IF WE ARE GIVING YOU DIRECTION BECAUSE I KNOW CAMP POE HAS ASKED THE CITY OF AUSTIN IN VERY SHORT ORDER TO GIVE CAMPO THE CITY'S RECOMMENDED ALIGNMENT AND TRANSIT MODE, AND I KNOW WE HAVE TO HAVE THAT COMPLETED IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS. WHAT I DON'T HAVE A SENSE OF FOR THE MAYOR'S PERSPECTIVE AS WELL IS WHETHER WE SHOULD GIVE THAT DIRECTION TODAY GIVEN THAT WE WOULD BE PROBABLY TAKING THIS BACK A GOOD -- KICKING THIS BACK A GOOD THREE WEEKS FROM TODAY WHEN YOU ADD IN TWO WEEKS TO GET SOMETHING BEFORE US AND THEN ANOTHER WEEK AFTER THAT. WE'RE ELECTRICAL ALMOST KICKING INTO SPRING BREAK IF WE DON'T EXPAND TO GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES. AS THE CHAIRMAN, YOU WILL HAVE THE BEST SENSE OF WHEN YOU THINK WE NEED TO. BUT WE'LL POST IT WHERE WE COULD -- WE'RE POSTED WHERE WE COULD GIVE THAT DIRECTION.

Mayor Wynn: MY UNDERSTANDING WAS WE ARE, COUNCILMEMBER, BUT WITH ENOUGH DIRECTION THAT, YOU KNOW, WITHIN TWO WEEKS THERE WOULD BE AN ACTION ITEM BEFORE THE COUNCIL WITH VERY SPECIFIC SCOPE OF SERVICES. THAT COULD EVEN BE PHASED. IN THEORY, WE COULD REALLY FOCUS ON THIS TRANSIT QUESTION FIRST AND FOREMOST AND THEN, YOU KNOW, EXPAND -- IF WE CAN STILL STAY WITHIN THE ORIGINAL SORT OF CONSTRAINTS I GUESS OF PURCHASING AND THE R.F.P.

COUNCIL, I'LL BE BRIEF. I HAVEN'T FOUND AN ACTION ITEM POSTED ON THIS. THIS IS JUST A BRIEFING. AND WHILE COUNCIL CAN HAVE A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT A TOPIC THAT'S POSTED FOR THE BRIEFING, I WOULD CAUTION AGAINST GIVING TOO MUCH FORMAL DIRECTION BASED ON THIS BRIEFING.

McCracken: I'M READING THE POSTING ITEMS AND DISCUSSION OF AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON POLICY DIRECTION FOR NEXT STEPS.

AND I AGREE, COUNCILMEMBER, THAT YOU CAN DO A LOT OF DISCUSSING BASED ON THAT POSTING. MY CAUTION IS COUNCIL NOT GIVE A LOT OF DIRECTION TO STAFF BASED ON THIS POSTING.

McCracken: WELL, WHAT -- IT SAYS WE CAN DO POSSIBLE ACTION ON POLICY DIRECTION FOR NEXT STEPS IF SPECIFICALLY SAID WE CAN TAKE ACTION ON POLICY DIRECTIONS ON

THE NEXT STEP IN THE DOWNTOWN PLAN. I DON'T SEE HOW WE'RE NOT POSTED THE ACTION ON NEXT STEPS.

LET ME REREAD IT TO SEE IF I'M MISREADING IT, WHICH IS ALWAYS A POSSIBILITY.

> I HAVE MISREAD THE ACTUAL PHASING. ITEM 64 IS PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT, DISCUSSION OF, AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE POLICY DIRECTIONS. SO I APOLOGIZE. YOU ARE POSTED ON THE POLICY DIRECTION.

McCracken: I GUESS IT'S JUST A SENSE OF HAVE WE GIVEN ENOUGH DIRECTION TO STAFF ON -- I MEAN I'M HEARING YOU AS WELL I BELIEVE THE DIRECTION THAT WE SHOULD BE GOING IS TO SAY WE NEED EXPANDED GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES IN SHORT ORDER. THE TRANSIT PLANNING THAT ROMA HAS ALREADY CONTRACTED FOR IN THE DOWNTOWN PLAN BECAUSE WE HAVE TO GET THAT BACK TO CAMPO IN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS.

Mayor Wynn: I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN ANTICIPATING A NUMBER OF ELEMENTS OF THIS, BUT THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFF COULD HAVE A VERY DETAILED SORT OF SCOPE OF SERVICES, COST AND TIME LINE FOR A SERIES OF THESE DIRECTIVES.

YES, MAYOR, I THINK --

Mayor Wynn: ON THE AGENDA IN TWO WEEKS.

ON THE 28th WHAT WE CAN COME BACK WITH IS A DETAILED SCOPE OF SERVICES AND AN ACTION ITEM THAT HAS US EVALUATING RAIL NOPTIONZ THE DOWNTOWN AREA CONSISTENT WITH THE REPORT YOU HEARD TODAY EXTEND TO GO MUELLER AND TO THE AIRPORT, TO 7th AND PLEASANT VALLEY AND ZILKER, AND THAT ONCE YOU APPROVE THAT ACTION ITEM WE'LL GO TO WORK ON THAT AS THE NEXT PIECE OF WORK THAT ROMA DOES. I BELIEVE THAT WE CAN SYNC UP THE TIME LINE YOU HAVE ESTABLISHED AS A CAMPO SUBCOMMITTEE WITH THE WORK OF ROMA. WE'LL TRY TO STAY IN SEQUENCE WITH YOU ALL BECAUSE YOU HAVE JUST WRAPPED UP THE PUBLIC SECTOR PRESENTATIONS SORT OF THE ANALYSIS OF WHO HAS DONE WHAT PLANNING FOR RAIL SO MY SENSE IS THAT CAMPO SUBCOMMITTEE IS GOING TO BE MOVING IN THE NEXT SECTION OF ITS WORK. AND THEN WHAT WE COULD DO IF IT'S THE WILL OF COUNCIL IS ON MARCH 6th, THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING, BRING BACK TO YOU THE MENU THAT WOULD CONSTITUTE PHASE 2 OF THE DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN WITH COST ASSESSMENTS FOR EACH OF THOSE ITEMS, AND AT THAT MEETING WORK WITH YOU ALL TO PUT TOGETHER A PHASE 2 FOR THE DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I GUESS I NEED TO GET A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT KIND OF ACTION WE'RE GOING TO BE TAKING BOTH ON THE 28th AND THE 6th. ARE WE GOING TO BE POTENTIALLY

ADOPTING ROMA RECOMMENDATIONS OR WHAT FORM IS THIS GOING TO TAKE?

Mayor Wynn: WELL, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT ON THE 28th WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN AND PREPARED TO DISCUSS AND VOTE AT THAT TIME WOULD BE EXPANDING THIS CURRENT PHASE 1, SO NOT, YOU KNOW, DECLARING ANY ANSWER TO THE WORK THAT ROMA HAS DONE TO DATE, BUT EXPANDING THE PHASE SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS EXPANDED GEOGRAPHIC TRANSIT ANALYSIS. THAT THEN ESSENTIALLY THEN OUR TRANSIT WORKING GROUP, YOU KNOW, AS A BODY, CAN SYNC UP WITH AND HAVE THAT INPUT AS WE LIKELY THEN PROPOSE A SERIES OF PRODUCTS AND/OR ROUTES TO OUR CAMPO COLLEAGUES. BUT WE ARE SEEING, YOU KNOW, HOW MUCH ENTHUSIASM THERE IS FOR THE BODY OF WORK SO FAR, THIS PHASE 1, AND, YOU KNOW, AT THE END OF THIS CURRENT PRESENTATION WE JUST SAW THAT THERE WERE SORT OF FIVE TOP PRIORITIES. AND SO ON MARCH 6th, WE COULD, YOU KNOW, BEGIN THE VERY SERIOUS PUBLIC DIALOGUE AND DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW WE MOVE INTO THE TRUE -- A TRUE PHASE 2, WHAT WOULD BE -- YOU KNOW, IF WE DO DECLARE, WHAT WOULD BE OUR PRIORITIES. WHAT WOULD LIKELY BE, FRANKLY, THE COST AND FUNDING SOURCES FOR HOW WE WOULD FUND THE WORK OF PHASE 2. AND I HAVE BEEN VAGUELY CHARACTERIZING A PHASE 2 AS, YOU KNOW, THE IMPLEMENTATION PHASE. THAT IS, EVERYTHING FROM HOW YOU START CRAFTING THE -- YOU KNOW, THE FORM BASED CODE, HOW YOU WOULD START DEFINING, YOU KNOW, THE ACTUAL MAP OF DENSITY BONUSES AND, YOU KNOW, JUST THE ACTUAL SORT OF ORDINANCE-TYPE WORK. I THINK THAT'S A LOT OF WORK AND TAKES A LONG TIME, BUT I THINK IT WOULD ALLOW US TO AT LEAST DECLARE AS A COMMUNITY WHAT WOULD BE THE PRIORITIES FOR -- AND THE SEQUENCE OF PRIORITIES FOR A SECOND PHASE. I DON'T SEE US DECLARING ON EITHER OF THESE TWO VOTES, YOU KNOW, OUR ANSWER ABOUT DENSITY BONUSES YET, OUR ANSWER ABOUT, YOU KNOW, TRADING AIR RIGHTS, OUR ANSWER ABOUT, YOU KNOW, TRANSIT AND THE ROUTES, BUT CERTAINLY SETTING THE STAGE FOR, YOU KNOW, GOOD PROFESSIONAL ADVICE.

Leffingwell: WELL, THAT'S KIND OF WHAT I WAS ASKING. WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ACTING ON SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE BY ROMA IN THIS STUDY EITHER ON THE 28th OR THE 6th BECAUSE, AS YOU JUST POINTED OUT, THEY ARE VERY COMPLICATED. SEEMS TO ME AT LOOK LOT OF THEM WOULD REQUIRE -- SOME OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD REQUIRE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND REVERSAL OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTIONS, THINGS LIKE THAT.

Mayor Wynn: CORRECT.

Leffingwell: SO IF ALL WE'RE DOING IS GIVING FURTHER DIRECTION ON THE 28th AND AGAIN ON THE 6th AND NOT APPROVING ANY RECOMMENDATIONS, THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO VERIFY.

Mayor Wynn: THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING. KEEP IN MIND WE ANTICIPATE THERE BEING A COST TO EXPANDING PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. SO ON THE 28th THERE WILL BE A

PROPOSAL WITH A VERY SPECIFIC SCOPE OF SERVICES WORKING WITH THE ROMA TEAM AND THERE WOULD BE ACTION VIA FUNDING, BUT I DON'T ANTICIPATE ACTION ON CHOOSING OUR -- STATING OUR POLICY.

Leffingwell: MAYOR, ARE YOU GOING TO ALLOW CITIZENS TO SPEAK ON THIS?

Mayor Wynn: I WAS NOTICING THE SYSTEM DOESN'T HAVE FOLKS SIGNED UP. I KNOW WE HAVE A NUMBER OF STAKEHOLDING GROUPS REPRESENTED, EVERYBODY FROM THE HERITAGE SOCIETY TO THE D.A.A. TO THE DOWNTOWN AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. PERHAPS WITHOUT OBJECTION WE COULD TAKE A FEW MINUTES AND WELCOME A REPRESENTATIVE OR TWO FROM ANY OF THE FOLKS WHO HAVE PAID A LOT OF ATTENTION TO THIS OVER THE MONTHS AND WE CAN CERTAINLY TAKE THAT INPUT. I KNOW MR. REED IS HERE. WELCOME.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF COUNCIL, IT'S NICE TO BE WITH YOU AND I DO ADMIRE ALL YOUR WORK. IT REALLY HAS BEEN INTERESTING JUST TO BE ABLE TO HEAR ALL THE DIALOGUE, AND COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL I WANT TO EXPRESS APPRECIATES FOR BRINGING UP THE CORRIDOR ISSUE. THAT'S SOMETHING WE'RE INTERESTED IN, PROTECTION OF CORRIDORS, WE A AGREED TO. JULIAN REED, A CITIZEN OF AUSTIN FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS AND I'M PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE HERITAGE SOCIETY OF AUSTIN. AND I CERTAINLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE ALL THE GOOD WORK THAT ROMA HAS DONE. IT'S A VERY IMPRESSIVE PRESENTATION. I DO, HOWEVER, HAVE A COMMENT OR TWO I WOULD LIKE TO GET INTO HERE TODAY. I'D LIKE TO TAKE A MOMENT TO FOCUS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION AS WE THINK ABOUT OUR FUTURE. I'VE HEARD A LOT OF WONDERFUL LANGUAGE TODAY, A LOT OF PRESENTATION, BUT I THINK THE MENTION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION WAS MADE ONCE OR TWICE AND I THINK THAT'S A SHORTFALL FOR OUR COMMUNITY. AS WE FOCUS ON THE FUTURE TO THINK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION. AS WE KNOW, AUSTIN IS A VERY POPULAR TOURIST DESTINATION. IT'S THE FOURTH MOST VISITED CITY IN OUR STATE AHEAD OF SUCH CITIES AS FORT WORTH, EL PASO, GALVESTON, CORPUS CHRISTI. AND THE LEISURE TRAVELER VISITORS WHO COME HERE DO NOT COME HERE TO SEE CONDO TOWERS, THEY DO NOT COME HERE TO CHECK OUT OUR TRAFFIC, BUT ACCORDING TO A 1996 SURVEY, MORE THAN 60% OF THOSE VISITORS ARE HERE BECAUSE OF PRESERVATION AND CULTURAL ASSETS. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF THOSE PEOPLE ENJOY SUCH DESTINATIONS AS OUR CAPITOL BUILDING, THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION, THE FRERCHESFRERCHESFRENCHLEGATION, EAST 6th, HYDE PARK, ST. EDWARDS YOU,, THE LIST GOES ON AND ON. MORE THAN 10,000 PERSONS VISITED PIONEER FARMS LAST YEAR AND GAVE YOUNGSTERS A CHANCE TO SEE RURAL LIFE AS IT WAS IN AN EARLIER DAY. IT'S A SLIGHT TO OUR HERITAGE AND PLAIN BAD BUSINESS NOT TO RECOGNIZE THE FULL VALUE OF OUR PAST. THE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF VALUE PRESERVATION WAS THE DECISION AND EXCITEMENT OF GOOGLE TO LOCATE IN THE HISTORIC SCARBOROUGH BUILDING. A BEACON OF THE NEW ECONOMY DRAWN TO A SYMBOL OF AUSTIN'S HERITAGE. WE APPRECIATE THE REVISION OF THE ORIGINAL DRAFT OF THE ROMA REPORT TO

INCLUDE BRIEF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION IN THE DOWNTOWN PLAN. BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE EXPLICIT LANGUAGE UNDERSCORING YET AS A PRIORITY AND NOT A SECONDARY OR AFTERTHOUGHT. EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN WHAT THE ROMA PLAN MAY SAY, WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL GO ON RECORD WITH COMMITMENTS THAT THE PLAN WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO BECOME A BLUEPRINT FOR BULLDOZERS. TO DESTROY THE HISTORIC FABRIC OF THIS COMMUNITY OF OUR PRECIOUS CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC VALUE TO AUSTIN. THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, JULIAN.

McCracken: MAYOR, I HAVE A QUICK QUESTION. HE'S BEEN DOING A PHENOMINAL JOB OF LEADERSHIP TO PROTECT IMPORTANT ASSETS OF THE COMMUNITY. WE'VE HEARD ABOUT THE WOOL WOOLRIDGE SQUARE ISSUES WHERE IT REQUIRES NEGATIVE HEIGHT ON THE NEXT BLOCK OVER, WHICH IS THE PAD, THE TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE, AND IT'S LIKE A -- DO YOU HAVE THE SENSE RIGHT NOW ABOUT WHAT YOU VIEW AS A GOOD OUTCOME ON THAT PARTICULAR CORRIDOR?

BEG PARDON?

McCracken: DO YOU HAVE A SENSE RIGHT NOW OF WHAT YOU VIEW AS A GOOD OUTCOME FOR THE WOOLRIDGE SQUARE CORRIDOR BASED ON HEARING IT WOULD REQUIRE BELOW GRADE? I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD BE -- I THINK IT SHOULD BE PRESERVED. THAT THEY ARE PART OF -- I THINK WOOLRIDGE SQUARE WAS SEEN AS A PROBLEM. IT'S PROMOTING PAD BANKS IN THE PARKING LOT. DO YOU HAVE A SENSE OF WHAT THE BEST OUT COME IS THERE AT WOOLRIDGE SQUARE?

THE LAST WE HEARD, WE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COUNTY HAD DEVELOPED SOME PLANS. I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THIS, BUT I UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY HAD DEVELOPED SOME TENTATIVE PLANS THAT WOULD ACCOMMODATE THE CORRIDOR. THAT'S THE LAST THAT WE HAVE HAD ON INFORMATION ON IT.

McCracken: MY UNDERSTANDING THEY WEREN'T GOING TO BUILD ON THAT BLOCK ACROSS THE STREET. BUT I THINK WE'VE HEARD FROM ROMA IS THE CORRIDOR ACTUALLY REQUIRES HEIGHT BELOW GROUND LEVEL ON THE NEXT BLOCK OVER. THE SURFACE PARKING LOT THE COUNTY OWNS. I JUST -- IT STRIKES ME THAT VIRTUALLY ALL THE OTHER VIEW CORRIDORS ARE GREAT. I THINK THERE'S THE -- I THINK WE HAVE A HARD DECISION TO MAKE ABOUT THAT ONE BECAUSE I MEAN MAYBE IT'S THAT WE SAY, HEY, LET'S MAKE A PARK THERE. MAYBE THAT'S WHERE THE COMMUNITY WANTS TO GO. I DON'T KNOW.

I THINK THE IDEA, COUNCILMAN, OF ANOTHER PARK WOULD BE MAGNIFICENT. I WAS SORT OF STRUCK BY COMMENTS SOMEBODY MADE ABOUT MAYBE GETTING RID OF THE PARK, AND HERE AT THE SAME TIME IN THE SAME REPORT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WE NEED MORE

PARKS DOWNTOWN. SO THAT WOULDN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE. A PARK WOULD BE NICE IF WE COULD DO THAT THERE.

McCracken: DO YOU HAVE A SENSE FROM THE HERITAGE SOCIETY'S VIEWPOINT WHERE THAT'S A VIEW CORRIDOR THAT YOU ALL COULD SEE BEING ADJUSTED SOMEHOW BASED ON THE PECULIAR GEE GEOMETRIES OF THAT CORRIDOR?

OUR POSITION IS THAT WE OPPOSE ANY CHANGES -- IF WE'RE GOING TO OPEN UP THIS AGREEMENT THAT WAS REACHED -- I THINK THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF HISTORY MISUNDERSTOOD ABOUT THIS. THIS WAS NOT SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED VERY CASUALLY. THE CORRIDORS ADOPTED 25 YEARS AGO WERE THE RESULT OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE CITY AND WERE A COMPROMISE AT THAT TIME. IN FACT, I REMEMBER THAT FORMER CONGRESSMAN, FORMER STATE SENATOR WHO IS NOW AN ATTORNEY IN HOUSTON SAID THAT IF HE COMPROMISED AT THE LAST MINUTE IF HE THOUGHT THERE WERE EVER GOING TO BE CHANGES, HE WOULD HAVE FOUGHT IT FOREVER. SO THAT'S KIND OF THE HISTORY THAT'S SORT OF BEEN LOST IN THIS. AND WE HAVE SAID THAT IF THERE'S GOING TO BE ANY CHANGE, IF WE'RE GOING TO OPEN UP THE CORRIDOR ISSUE AT ALL, WE WANT TO PROPOSE DURL CORRIDORS. -- ADDITIONAL CORRIDORS.

McCracken: THAT STRIKES THAT MIGHT BE A FAIR TRADEOFF TOO THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO - - LIKE WHAT I MENTIONED TO JIM ADAMS, IF THERE'S GOING TO BE A REDUCTION IN ONE PUBLIC BENEFIT, IT SHOULD BE REPLACED BY A SEPARATE PUBLIC -- IT SHOULDN'T BE A NET LOSS TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST. SO MAYBE IT'S THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO SHIFT THAT ONE V CORRIDOR AWAY FROM WOOLRIDGE SQUARE WE FIND AN UNDESIGNATED CORRIDOR THAT'S STILL INTACT.

THAT'S A POSSIBILITY.

McCracken: TO WORK WITH YOU ALL.

I THINK THE BOTTOM LINE OF WHERE WE ARE IS WE TREASURE WHAT AUSTIN IS AND WHAT HAS MADE AUSTIN WHAT IT IS. I THINK WE ALL AGREE THAT THE OPEN SPACE OF AUSTIN, THE BEAUTY OF AUSTIN IS WHAT'S MADE IT WHAT IT IS. THAT'S WHY EVERYBODY WANTS TO COME HERE. WE DON'T WANT TO SEE -- WE UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR DENSITY, SOME DENSITY, BUT AT WHAT PRICE DO WE GO WITH DENSITY? DO WE WANT TO BE ANOTHER CHICAGO OF CANYONS, OF HIGH-RISE CANYONS IN? I DON'T THINK SO. I THINK WE HAVE TO APPROACH THIS VERY CAREFULLY AND WE'RE DEDICATED TO MAKE SURE WE DO NOT LOSE THE FABRIC OF AUSTIN. ONCE IT'S LOST, IT'S GONE FOREVER. WE ASK YOUR HELP IN UNDERSTANDING THAT AND SUPPORTING OUR OBJECTIVES AND OUR GOALS. AS YOU GO FORWARD.

McCracken: THAT'S REAL HELPFUL. THANKS.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: I THINK WHAT MR. REED IS SAYING, IF WE ARE GOING TO REOPEN THE IDEA OF ANALYSIS OF CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDORS, WE CURRENTLY HAVE 35 OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, IF WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT MAYBE 32 OR 33, MAYBE WE COULD ALSO TALK ABOUT 37 OR 38. IF WE'RE GOING TO ENTIRELY REOPEN THE ISSUE, AS MR. REED POINTED OUT, THEN MAYBE WE NEED TO GO BACK TO 25 YEARS AGO AND REVISIT THAT DISCUSSION AND SEE WHAT WE REALLY NEED TO HAVE A GOOD CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDOR SYSTEM. AND I WANT TO ASK YOU ALSO, THE HERITAGE SOCIETY, I KNOW, HAS DONE A LOT OF STUDY AND PRESENTED A REPORT TO THIS COUNCIL ON CAPITOL VIEW CORRIDORS. DID THE ROMA GROUP CONSULT YOU OR GET YOUR ADVICE?

YES, BUT VERY LIMITED INVOLVEMENT.

Leffingwell: WELL, I'D LIKE TO MAKE SURE THAT ENGAGEMENT TAKES PLACE IN THE FUTURE IF WE'RE GOING TO PURSUE THIS ISSUE.

THEY INCORPORATED OUR REQUEST FOR MENTION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION. THE ORIGINAL DRAFT HAD NO MENTION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION. THEY RESPONDED TO OUR REQUEST TO INCLUDE THAT MENTION OF IT AND THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING THAT WE HAVE MORE -- MORE UNDERSCORING OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. REED. I JUST NOTICED WE HAVE A NUMBER OF OTHER STAKEHOLDERS. I DON'T KNOW THAT TESTIMONY IS NECESSARY. WE'VE GOT A LOT OF OTHER PRESENTATIONS STILL THIS AFTERNOON INCLUDING OUR WEBBERVILLE ANALYSIS. SO AGAIN, WE HAVE -- I THINK MS. HUFFMAN HAS OUTLINED WHAT I BELIEVE TO BE THE CONSENSUS OF THE DIRECTION. OF COURSE, AGAIN, WE WON'T BE TAKING ACTION ON ANY OF THAT UNTIL NEXT -- THE NEXT MEETING ON THE 28th. BUT AN EXPANDED PHASE 1, EXPANDED SCOPE OF PHASE 1 THAT EXPANDS THE GEOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS SPECIFICALLY REALTD THE TRANSIT, CIRCULATING BOTH DOWNTOWN AND LINKING IT TO OTHER OBVIOUS MODES AROUND. AND AS WELL AS COME BACK PERHAPS AS EARLY AS MARCH 6th WITH THE ANALYSIS OF HOW WE MOVE FORWARD INTO PHASE 2 WITH PRIORITY AND COSTING. SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, I BELIEVE WE'LL LOOK FORWARD TO A POSTED ITEM ON THE 28th. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. COUNCIL, AS COUNCILMEMBER McCRACKEN POINTED OUT A COUPLE TIMES, WE HAVE AN ITEM POSTED REGARDING ISSUANCE OF THE R.F.P. FOR THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT SITE. WE ALSO THIS AFTERNOON NEED TO GET IN OUR PRESENTATION ABOUT THE WEBBERVILLE TRACT, BUT WHILE WE HAVE THIS FRESH ON OUR MIND, I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR TO US QUICKLY GO INTO CLOSED SESSION AND TAKE UP A COUPLE OF LEGAL ISSUES REGARDING THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND THEN COME BACK AND HAVE OUR PUBLIC DISCUSSION ABOUT

THAT R.F.P., THEN WE'LL GO TO THE WEBBERVILLE TRACT PRESENTATION AND THEN TAKE UP ZONING AS SOON AS WE CAN GET THROUGH THAT. SO WITH -- MR. SMITH.

MAYOR, YOU ARE ALSO POSTED FOR A CLOSED SESSION ON THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT UNDER THE REAL ESTATE.

Mayor Wynn: WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE'LL GO INTO CLOSED SECTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 51.071 TO TAKE UP POTENTIAL LEGAL ISSUES RELATED TO GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT AS WELL AS OUR POSTING TO TAKE UP REAL ESTATE MATTERS RELATED TO THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT, ITEM 71. I DON'T ANTICIPATE THIS BEING A LENGTHY EXECUTIVE SESSION. WE WILL COME OUT IN OPEN SESSION AND TAKE UP THAT ACTION ITEM REGARDING THE R.F.P. BEFORE WE THEN HEAR FROM OUR PRESENTATION ON THE WEBBERVILLE TRACT. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION.

WE ARE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. NOR DID WE OR ARE WE GOING TO TAKE UP ITEM NUMBER 72, REAL ESTATE MATTERS RELATED TO POTENTIAL SITE FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT NUMBER 4. WE ARE NOW BACK IN OPEN SESSION. I APOLOGIZE FOR THE DELAY. WE STILL HAVE SOME BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF, INCLUDING ITEM NUMBER 76 IS A PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON THE CITY'S PROPERTY IN FAR EASTERN TRAVIS COUNTY, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE WEBBERVILLE TRACT. WELCOME CITY MANAGER.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER. TODAY WE WILL BE PROVIDING YOU AN UPDATE ON ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING WORK PERFORMED ON THE SUITABILITY OF THE WEBBERVILLE TRACT IN EASTERN TRAVIS COUNTY. WE HAVE TWO PARTS OF THE PRESENTATION. WE WILL COVER A SUMMARY OF THE RECENT SITE ANALYSIS WITH EMPHASIS ON THE TECHNICAL AND REGULATORY PUBLIC USE. THE SECOND PART ALREADY PRESENTED BY DIRECTOR OF AUSTIN WATER UTILITY WHO WILL COVER AN OVERVIEW OF THE SYSTEM NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR WASTE WATER SERVICE. ON MAY 17, 2007, THE CITY COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A RESOLUTION TO MAINTAIN OWNERSHIP OF THIS TRACT OF LAND. THE RESOLUTION STATED THE PROPERTY MAY BE USEFUL IN PROVIDING NEEDED PUBLIC SERVICE AND BENEFITS IN AND AROUND THE PROVIDED DEVELOPMENT ZONE. AS GROWTH CONTINUES, SERVICE TO THE AREA ALSO INCREASES. THE WEBBERVILLE TRACT PRESENTS OPPORTUNITIES WITH OTHER CITY USES LIKE FIRE, POLICE, EMS, WHICH ARE CRITICAL PUBLIC SERVICE NEEDS FOR OUR AREA. AS NOTED BEFORE, AREAS FOR POTENTIAL SERVICE INCLUDE A WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, AN ENERGY POWER PLANT, OR SOLID WASTE SERVICES. THE PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT WAS TO EVALUATE BOTH THE TECHNICAL AND REGULATORY ASPECTS OF THE GENERAL SUITABILITY MUCH THE SITE FOR PUBLIC USE. SPECIFICALLY, ITS POSSIBLE USES TO A PUBLIC WASTE AREA. POSSIBLY RELATING TO THE COMMERCIAL OR PUBLIC ACTIVITIES THIS COULD INCLUDE A RECYCLING CENTER, WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, SOLID WASTE LAND FILL AND OTHERS. AS A SCREENING LEVEL EVALUATION THIS ANALYSIS WAS INTENDED TO IDENTIFY ANY FATAL FLAWS FOR THE USE OF THE PROPERTY AND ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO RULE OUT LESS APARENT FATAL FLAWS. OF THE VARIOUS OPERATIONS

CON TEN PLAITS, THE WASTE OPERATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO A RANGE OF LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL CRITERIA. IN SUMMARY THIS EVALUATION DID NOT IDENTIFY ANY CONDITION THAT WOULD REPRESENT A FATAL FLAW FOR THE USE OF A SITE AS A SOLID WASTE ENVIRONMENTAL AREA. THE LAND HAS MUCH POTENTIAL AND AS THE GROWTH IN THE AREA CONTINUES THERE WILL BE A DEFINITE NEED TO DEVELOP ANY ONE OF THESE FACILITIES. THE CURRENT ASSESSMENT SHOWS THE CITY ASSESSMENT SHOWS BASED ON THE INITIAL VALUATION NO FATAL FLAWS WERE FOUND WITHIN REGARD TO THE SITE'S USE AS A SOLID WASTE ENVIRONMENTAL AREA, INCLUDING A SOLID WASTE LAND FILL AT THE SITE. MAXIMIZING THE AREA AT THE SITE AVAILUABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT WILL LIKELY REQUIRE THE CITY TO EVALUATE AND RECLASSIFY THE 146 YEAR FLOOD PLAIN AT THE SITE. IT ALSO MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS ROADS AND BRIDGES TO ACCOMMODATE TRAFFIC. IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE SITE ANALYSIS, THE CITY CONTRACTED WITH THREE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AND WELL-RESPECTED CONSULTANTS. THE COORDINATE AID SAYSMENT LOOKED AT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOLID WASTE ENVIRONMENT AND WASTE WATER FACILITY. THE COMPLETED REPORT OF THE VARIOUS OPERATIONS CONTEMPLATED THE MOST CLOSELY REGULATEA SOLID WASTE OPERATION WHICH ARE SUBJECT TO A RANGE OF REGULATORY CRITERIA. COUNCIL, STAFF IS SEEKING YOUR DIRECTION ON HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS VALUABLE PIECE OF PROPERTY DEVELOPED. IN ORDER TO HAVE OUR CONSULTANTS FINALIZE THEIR ASSESSMENT WE NEED TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC USES. ONCE THAT IS DONE, WE CAN DETERMINE TIME LINES AND MOVE FORWARD. ANOTHER VERY IMPORTANT STEP WOULD BE FOR STAFF TO PROCEED WITH SELECTING A CONSULTANT TO DO AN OVER ALL MASTER PLAN FOR THE SITE AND TO INCORPORATE ALL CITY USES AND EFFECTIVELY MAKE BEST USES OF THE PROPERTY. WE ENVISION THIS SITE TO BE BUILT OVER TIME IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE GREEN PROJECT PRINCIPALS, AND ECOENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY PROJECT. OUR PRIORITIES ARE IN LOCATING A WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT, AUSTIN ENERGY PARK PLAN, AN ECOINDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AREA AND A SOLID WASTE LAND FILL. IN CONCLUSION, STAFF RECOMMENDS WE MOVE FORWARD WITH THESE POSSIBLE USES AND TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO DEVELOP A COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN. AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO TURN IT OVER TO GREG.

THANK YOU. WELCOME, CRAIG.

AUSTIN WATER UTILITY DIRECTER. SOME BRIEF COMMENTS ON THE WASTE WATERSIDE: I JUST SKIPPING AHEAD.

OKAY, HERE WE GO. OUR LONG RANGE PLANNING INDICATES THE NEED FOR A NORTHEAST REGIONAL WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AND THAT IS SOMETHING FORING THE GROWTH IN THIS PART OF OUR SYSTEM. IN RESPOND TO THAT WE DID AN EVALUATION FOR THE WEBBERVILLE TREATMENT PLANT. IT HAS SEVERAL ADVANTAGES, IT IS DOWN TREATMENT AND IT IS CLOSE TO THE COLORADO RIVER AS AN OUTLET FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT. IT WOULD TAKE SEVERAL SMALLER TREATMENT PLANTS OUT

OF SERVICE AND THERE IS A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES TO COORDINATE THIS SITE WITH OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WOULD BE GOING ON THERE. WE USED ASSOCIATED TO HELP US CONDUCT THE PRELIMINARY REVIEW AND, AGAIN, THEY FOUND NO FATAL PLAY FLAW, REAFFIRMED WHAT OUR PLANNING ANALYSIS SHOWS. TO MOVE FORWARD WE WOULD NEED TO TAKE ADDITIONAL STEPS TO DO A MORE DETAILED ANALYSIS, MORE SPECIFICALLY PIN DOWN FLOOD PLAIN ISSUES AND SO FAR WE WEBBERVILLE WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT SITE FOR A NEW REGIONAL WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT. WITH THAT I WILL TURN IT BACK OVER, OR IF THERE IS ANY QUESTIONS ON THE WASTE WAITER.

THANK YOU, CRAIG. QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? AGAIN, ESSENTIALLY THE PRELIMINARY BROAD ANALYSIS WE HAVE IS THAT THERE ARE ESSENTIALLY NO OBVIOUS CONSTRAINTS FROM SLOPES TO SOILS, OTHER CONDITIONS. BUT ULTIMATELY STAFF NOW NEEDS POLICY DIRECTION FROM COUNCIL AS TO WHAT FACILITIES WE WOULD INSTRUCT YOU ALL TO REALLY BEGIN TO ANALYZE SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT TRACK OF LAND.

THAT'S CORRECT, I THINK WE ARE AT THE POINT WE REALLY NEED TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC PROJECTS IN ORDER TO GO AHEAD AND PROCEED WITH SEVERAL OF THE ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF WATER WELLS AND THE FLOOD PLAIN EVALUATION SO YES, YOU ARE CORRECT, WE ARE AT A POINT WHERE WE ARE IDENTIFY THE PROJECTS.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

SO THE NEXT STEP, I BELIEVE, WOULD BE A COUNSEL -- STEP, I BELIEVE, WOULD BE A COUNCIL RESOLUTION IDENTIFYING THE USES WE WOULD LIKE TO EVALUATE ON THAT SITE AND DIRECTING FURTHER ANALYSIS THAT IS RELEVANT TO THOSE USES AND ANNOUNCING THE COUNCIL'S INTENTION TO GO FORWARD WITH THE IDENTIFIED USES.

THAT'S CORRECT.

AND WE COULD DO THAT AS EARLY AS FEBRUARY 28.

YES, SIR, WE CERTAINLY DO THAT.

THANK YOU.

FURTHER QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? I THINK WE LOOK FORWARD TO LIKELY AN ITEM OR TWO FROM COUNCIL. THANK YOU, BURT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AT THIS TIME, QUICKLY, COUNCIL, WE WILL RECESS THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL AND CALL THIS ORDER THE MEETING OF THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS. AND WELCOME FOR HIS FINAL APPEARANCE?

PROBABLY.

PAUL HILDERS.

THANK YOU, I'M TREASURER OF THE AUSTIN HOUSING CORPORATION AND WE ARE HERE WITH THREE ITEMS TO BRING BEFORE YOU, PLUS AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM FOR LATER. ITEM NUMBER ONE IS TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2008 BOARD MEETING OF THE AUSTIN HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

ENTERTAIN A MOTION. MOTION BY BOARD MEMBER McCRACKEN. ALL IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH BOARD MEMBER KIM OFF THE DAIS.

AGENCY ITEM NUMBER TWO IS FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM, TO STATE IT FOR THE RECORD, TO DISCUSS ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN SOUTHEAST AUCTION IN SECTION 551 MUCH 071 AND I KNOW YOU WILL TAKE THAT UP AT A LATER TIME IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE NEXT ACTION ITEM FOR THE BOARD IS TO AGENCY ITEM NORTH AMERICA 3 IS TO AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS IN A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$526,500 TO UNITY CONTRACTOR SERVICES INCORPORATED, AUSTIN TEXAS CONTRACTOR, UNDER THE HOME REHABILITATION LOAN PROGRAM TO DEMOLISH AND RECONSTRUCT SIX SINGLE FAMILY HOMES UNDER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS BETWEEN THE CONTRACTOR AND EACH HOMEOWNER AS THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES: 7205 BETHUNE AVENUE, 6006 CLUB TERRACE, 2809 EAST 13th STREET, 6113 ATWOOD STREET IN AUSTIN TEXAS AND STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL.

QUESTIONS OF STAFF? COMMENTS? I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION.

I WILL MOVE APPROVAL, MAYOR.

MOTION BY BOARD MEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECOND BY BOARD MEMBER McCRACKEN. FURTHER COMMENTS. HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE. AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0. .

AND AGENCY ITEM NUMBER FOUR IS TO APPROVE THE NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A LOAN TO FOUNDATION COMMUNITIES INCORPORATED UNDER THE RENTAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,516,850 IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMICABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION FINANCING REQUIREMENT AND PERFORMANCE GOALS TO ASSIST IN THE RENOVATION AND CONVERSION IN THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1212 WEST BEN WHITE BOULEVARD INTO SUPPORTIVE RENTAL HOUSING FACILITY FOR HOMELESS AND LOW INCOME INDIVIDUALS. AND WE RECOMMEND THAT FOR APPROVAL.

QUESTIONS OF STAFF? BOARD? IF NOT, I WILL ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION. MOTION BY THE

VICE PRESIDENT, SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER McCracken TO APPROVE ITEM NUMBER FOUR AS PRESENTED BY STAFF. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE. AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE 6-0. BOARD, I'M TOLD THAT WE HAVE A VERY BRIEF REAL ESTATE MATTER TO TAKE UP AS THE BOARD MEETING, ITEM NUMBER 2 SO FURNITURE SECTION 551.072, THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. WE ARE NOW IN CLOSED SESSION TO BRIEFLY TALK ABOUT THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN SOUTHEAST AUSTIN. I ANTICIPATE THIS LASTING ONLY FIVE OR TEN MINUTES AND US RETURNING EVEN IN ADVANCE OF OUR 5:30 BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC PROCLAMATIONS. WE ARE NOW IN RECESS AS THE BOARD OF HIFC.

WE DISCUSSED A REAL ESTATE HOUSING AND NO DECISIONING WERE MADE AND THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS WE STAND ADJOURNED. I WILL NOW CALL BALK TO ORDER THIS MEETING OF THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. AND NOTE COUNCIL THAT EARLIER, IN CLOSED SESSION, APPROPRIATELY WE TALKED ABOUT THE REAL ESTATE MATTERS, ITEM NUMBER 71 RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE FOR AN RFP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND/OR SALE OR LEASE OF THE GREENWATER TREATMENT PLANT SITE. I BELIEVE STAFF WAS GOING TO TRY CRAFT SOME LANGUAGE FOR US, BUT THEY MAY NOT BE READY. THAT WOULD BE ITEM NUMBER 54. OUR ACTION ITEM. SO HAVING THAT NOT BE THE CASE, WE DO HAVE A CHANCE TO GET, PERHAPS, SOME ZONING CASES DONE SO LET'S GO TO OUR ZONING CASES. WELCOME MR. GREG GUERNSEY.

HELLO, MAYOR, COUNCIL. THE PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. LET ME GO THROUGH OUR 4:00 ZONING ITEMS. I WOULD LIKE TO NOTE ON ITEM NUMBER 16, WHICH YOU CONSIDERED EARLIER THIS MORNING, IT WAS TO APPROVE AN ORDINANCE TO AND NEXT SH-130/U.S. HIGHWAY 290 RETAIL ANNEXATION WHICH WAS AN 88-ACRE TRACT, THIS IS ITEM NUMBER 16. WE'VE NOTED THERE IS AN ERROR IN THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND THERE IS A REVISED LEGAL DESCRIPTION RELATED TO THAT ITEM. SO STAFF WOULD SUGGEST THAT THIS ITEM BE RESCINDED AND THEN APPROVE WITH THE CORRECT LEGAL DESCRIPTION.

MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE ITEM NUMBER 16. MOTION MADE AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER

COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: TO MOVE THAT WE RERECONSIDER ITEM NUMBER 16. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR, PLEASE SAY AYE. PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0 WITH COUNCIL MEMBER KIM OFF THE DAIS.

AFTER YOU'VE RECONSIDERED IT TO RESCIND IT, YOU CAN APPROVE IT WITH THE CORRECT LEGAL DESCRIPTION WHICH IS ON THE DAIS NOW IN YELLOW.

IS OUR ATTORNEY HERE? ARE YOU COMFORTABLE THAT WITH THE CORRECTED LEGAL DESCRIPTION, I WILL NOW ENTERTAIN A MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM 16. MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL. SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ TO APPROVE THE CREDIT CARD CORRECTED POSTING OF ITEM NUMBER 16. ALL THOSE IN FAVOR,

PLEASE SAY AYE. AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0.

THANK YOU, MAYOR. I SEE WE ARE HANDED SOME DOCUMENTS, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANTNY GO THROUGH THE CONSENT AGENDA.

WE WILL GET TO THE CONSENTS AGENDA. WE HAVE FIVE MINUTES BEFORE WE BREAK.

I WILL TALK QUICKLY. ITEM NUMBER 77. C14-2007-0143. 130290 RETAIL. FROM UNZONED UNZ TO COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY-CONDITIONAL OVERLAY CH-CO COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. THIS IS READY FOR SECOND AND THIRD READING, ITEM NUMBER 77.

> ITEM NUMBER 78. C14-2007-0147. RIVERSIDE NURSING HOME FACILITY 6801 E. RIVERSIDE DRIVE CARSON FROM COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL-MIXED USE- NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN GR-MU-NP COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING; AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL- MIXED USE- NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN LR-MU-NP COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING TO GENERAL OFFICE-MIXED USE-CONDITIONAL OVERLAY- NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN GO-MU-CO-NP COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. THIS IS READY FOR SECOND AND THIRD READING. ITEM NUMBER 79, C14-2007-0084. ELM TERRACE. AS 3215 EXPOSITION BOULEVARD I UNDERSTAND THERE MIGHT BE A REQUEST FROM COUNCIL TO POSTPONE THIS ITEM. IF NOT, I WILL SAVE IT AS A DISCUSSION ITEM.

MAYOR.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

I WOULD PLAN TO PROPOSE POSTPONEMENT OF ITEM NUMBER 79 UNTIL FEBRUARY 28th. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING IT IS NOT GOING TO BE READY FOR ANYTHING BEYOND SECOND READING ANYWAY SO I DON'T SEE ANY FURTHER DELAY THAT WOULD BE REALIZED BY THIS POSTPONEMENT THAN IS STILL SOME NEGOTIATED ITEMS TO BE POSSIBLY WORKED OUT.

COUNCIL, WITHOUT OBJECTION WE WILL CONSIDER THAT PART OF THE CONSENT AGENDA.

ITEM NUMBER 80, C14-2007-0129. CUMBERLAND RESIDENTIAL. AS 1001 CUMBERLAND ROAD. FROM MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE-LIMITED DENSITY MF-1 DISTRICT ZONING AND MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE-LIMITED DENSITY-CONDITIONAL OVERLAY MF-1-CO COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING TO TOWNHOUSE AND CONDOMINIUM RESIDENCE-CONDITIONAL OVERLAY SF-6-CO COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. WITH CONDITIONS, ON YOUR DAIS YOU SHOULD HAVE A REVISED ORDINANCE AND COVENANT ON THOSE THAT THERE IS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE OWNER, AND THERE HAS BEEN LANGUAGE CRAFTED IN A PUBLIC RESTRICTED COVENANT THAT WOULD ADDRESS TRAFFIC CALMING TO BE APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS ALONG CUMBERLAND ROAD OR OTHER STREET ADJACENT TO THE PROPERTY OR OTHER STREETS STREETS IN THE UNDERSTOOD BOUNDARIES. AND IN ADDITION, THERE WAS AN ADDITIONAL CONDITION

NOTED IN THE ORDINANCE THAT THE PROPERTY OWNER AND THE NEIGHBORS HAVE AGREED TO THAT NO SINGLE BUILDING WITHIN THE PROPERTY SHALL A FOOTPRINT OR FOUNDATION SLAB THAT EXCEEDS 10,000 SQUARE FEET. THAT IS NEW FROM FIRST READING AND WITH THOSE CONDITION I UNDERSTAND ALL PARTIES ARE IN AGREEMENT AND THIS CAN GO FOR SECOND AND THIRD READINGS. ITEM NUMBER 81 IS CASE C14-2007-0146.SH. THE GOVALLE LAND. AS 1100 LINDEN STREET. MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE-MEDIUM DENSITY MF-3-NP COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING TO SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE-SMALL LOT-NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN SF-4A-NP COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. THIS IS READY FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON FIRST AND SECOND READINGS. ITEM NUMBER 82, CASE NUMBER NPA-2007-0003.01. 1309 CHICON. THE AUSTIN TOMORROW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, TO CHANGE THE LAND USE DESIGNATION ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FLUM FROM COMMERCIAL TO MIXED USE FOR READY FOR SEND AND THIRD READINGS. A RELATED ITEM, NUMBER 83, C14-2007-0136 1309. CHICON DEVELOPMENT APPROVE REZONING PROPERTY LOCALLY KNOWN COMMERCIAL-NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN LR-NP COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL-MIXED USE- CONDITIONAL OVERLAY-NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN GR-MU-CO-NP COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. THIS IS READY FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON FIRST AND SECOND READING. ITEM NUMBER 84, CASE NUMBER C14H-2007-0031. HENRY COLLEY HOUSE. 718 NORWALK LANE. FAMILY RESIDENCE SF-3 DISTRICT ZONING TO FAMILY RESIDENCE HISTORIC SF-3-H COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. I UNDERSTAND THERE IS STILL A VALID PETITION, HOWEVER, THE HERITAGE SOCIETY AND THE OWNER HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE HOUSE, THERE IS A REPRESENTATIVE THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THE FAMILY, AND ALSO ON BEHALF OF THE HERITAGE SOCIETY. THIS COULD ACTUALLY REMAIN ON YOUR CONSENT AGENDA, GIVEN THE AGREEMENT AND BOTH SIDES JUST WANT TO SPEAK VERY BRIEFLY TO THIS IF IT COULD REMAIN ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WE CAN MOVE FORWARD. AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THOSE PARTIES THAT WERE INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATION FOR REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON HOW TO SAVE THE HOUSING STARTS, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

MAYOR PRO TEM.

AS HISTORIC.

NO. THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE ACTUALLY ASK THE COUNCIL TO DENY THE REQUEST IN THAT SENSE, AND THEN I WILL LET THE PARTIES ACTUALLY KIND OF SPEAK TO WHAT THE PLANS ARE FOR THE HOUSE.

ALL RIGHT, THANKS.

WITH THAT, MAYOR THAT CONCLUDED THIS PORTION OF THE ZONING AGENDA THAT I CAN OFFER CONSENT AT THIS TIME.

THANK YOU, MR. GUERNSEY. [ONE MOMENT PLEASE FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS]

HERITAGE SOCIETY HERE TO SPEAK VERY BRIEFLY ABOUT THEIR AGREEMENT.

MAYOR WYNN: YES, THANK YOU. SO IF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FAMILY AND OR THE NEIGHBORHOOD/HERITAGE SOCIETY WOULD COME FORWARD.

GOOD EVENING, COUNCIL. I'M BOON ALMANZA, REPRESENTING THE HAYS FAMILY. WE'RE JUST ASKING THAT THE COUNCIL DENY HISTORIC ZONING FOR THE PROPERTY. THE HERITAGE SOCIETY AND THE HAYS FAMILY HAVE REACHED AN AGREEMENT ON HOW TO HANDLE THE HOUSE AND WITH TO DO WITH THE HOUSE. AND THERE'S A PROPOSAL WE'VE REACHED IN PRINCIPLE TO MOVE THE HOUSE TO O HENRY MIDDLE SCHOOL. MR. DENISI CAN SPEAK TO THAT BETTER THAN I CAN BUT THIS IS A WAY TO COMPROMISE AND SAVE THE HOUSE AND AT THE SAME TIME TAKE THE ECONOMIC PRESSURE OFF THE HAYS FAMILY. I'M WILLING TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS IF YOU HAVE ANY.

MAYOR WYNN: QUESTIONS FOR MR. ALMANZA, COUNCIL? THANK YOU, BOON, WELCOME, JOHN.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. AS BOON STATED WE HAVE REACHED A COMPROMISE AND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS COMPROMISE ARE THE HAYS FAMILY. THEY'VE BEEN TREMENDOUSLY GENEROUS AND PATIENT IN WORKING WITH US, AND WE'RE VERY THANKFUL. WE'RE VERY THANKFUL TO THEM. THE PLAN IS TO MOVE THE HOUSE TO A PROMINENT LOCATION ON THE CORNER OF 10TH AND WAYSIDE ON THE HO HENRY SCHOOL CAMPUS AND THE HOUSE WILL BE PRESERVED AND RENOVATED IN A WAY THAT IS RESPECTFUL TO BOTH THE COLLIE AND THE HAYS FAMILY, TWO PIONEERING AUSTIN FAMILIES. SO WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE AS WELL ON THE COUNCIL AND WORKING THROUGH THIS CASE AS WELL. HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS FOR JOHN? COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

LEFFINGWELL: WELL, I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY I THINK THIS IS AN EXCELLENT RESULT AND I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND THE HERITAGE SOCIETY AND THE HAYS FAMILY FOR COMING TO THIS GLEMENT AND I KNOW THE HERITAGE SOCIETY IS ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR RESTORATION OF THAT HOUSE AND I COMMEND YOUR ORGANIZATION FOR THAT. THANKS, JOHN.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, JOHN. AGAIN, WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

AYE.

OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF 5-0 WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS MCCrackEN AND KIM OFF THE DAIS.

MAYOR, DO YOU WANT ME TO CONTINUE OR PAUSE AND I'LL COME BACK AFTER A BREAK?

I THINK WE'LL NEED TO COME BACK AFTER A BREAK, NOW, GREG. HAVING GOT SOME OF THAT ACCOMPLISHED. SO THAT TAKES US TO OUR 5:30 BREAK FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS. I APPRECIATE EVERYBODY'S EVERYBODY'S PATIENCE. NOT ONLY DO WE HAVE OUR NORMAL SET OF PROCLAMATIONS THIS EVENING, AS WELL AS MUSIC FROM DEEP MADNESS HERE IN A MINUTE, WE'RE ALSO GOING TO HAVE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT THE END OF OUR PROCLAMATIONS, SO ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY TO STAY TUNED. SO WHILE WE'RE BREAKING FOR LIVE MUSIC AND PROCLAMATIONS THE COUNCIL MAY BE IN CLOSED SESSION TO TAKE UP ITEM NO. 65, ISSUES RELATED TO THE CLINIC SYSTEM TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. SO COUNCIL IS NOW IN CLOSED SESSION BUT STAY WITH US FOR LIVE MUSIC IN PROGRESS. D MADNESS TO OUR WEEK I LIVE MUSIC GIG HERE AT THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. HAPPY VALENTINES DAY. D MADNESS WAS INSPIRED BY STEVY WONDER. WELL-KNOWN AS A MULTI-INSTRUMENTIST. HE PLAYS DRUMS, BASS AND KEYBOARD AT THE SAME TIME TAKING THE CONCEPT OF A ONE MAN STUDIO BAND TO THE NEXT LEVEL BY PULLING IT OFF ON STAGE. HIS MUSIC INCORPORATES SOUL, JAZZ, HIP-HOP. PERFORMS AS RIEWT A A MAYA, SPEAK EASY AND COURTYARD. PLEASE WELCOME ME IN JOINING D MADNESS.

THANK YOU. RUTA MAYA [MUSIC PLAYING] [(music) SINGING (music)] BARTON CREEK [(music) SINGING (music)] [APPLAUSE] [CHEERING]

MAYOR WYNN: ALL RIGHT. SO D, TELL US -- SO THE GIGS AT MAGGIE MAY AND RUTA MAYA AND CEDAR STREET, ARE THEY RECURRING OR HOW DO WE KNOW TO FIND YOU.

CHECK MYSPACE.COM --/D MADNESS PROJECT, AND YOU CAN FIND OUT ALL MY UPCOMING SHOWS. AND I HAVE MAGGIE MAY EVERY SECOND SATURDAY OF THE MONTH FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR.

MAYOR WYNN: AND HOW HOW ABOUT CDS OR RECORDINGS?

I'M WORKING ON A CD AND HOPEFULLY I'LL HAVE IT IN MARCH.

MAYOR WYNN: AND I BET WE COULD FIND THAT AT WATERLOO RECORDS COME MARCH, RIGHT?

AND I'M --

BEFORE WE GET AWAY WE HAVE A SPECIAL PROCLAMATION, FOLKS. THIS PROCLAMATION READS, THE LOCAL MUSIC COMMUNITY MAKES MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT OF AUSTIN'S SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND THE DEDICATED EFFORTS OF ARTISTS FURTHER OUR STATUS AS THE LIVE MUSIC CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. THEREFORE I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE GREAT CITY OF AUSTIN, TECHNICAL, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM TODAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2008 AS D MADNESS DAY IN AUSTIN AND CALL ON ALL CITIZENS TO JOIN ME CONGRATULATING A FINE TALENT. [CHEERING AND. [APPLAUSE]

BEFORE I LEAVE, I'D LIKE TO THANK MY FIANCE AND MY MOTHER, JACKIE JACKSON. I KNOW SHE'S HERE TODAY. STAND ON OVER THERE. WAVE YOUR HAND. [APPLAUSE] I KNOW I WON'T SEE YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: AND SO WHILE OUR ONE-MAN BAND BREAKS DOWN ON THAT SIDE OF THE ROOM WE'LL COME OVER HERE AND USE THIS PODIUM TO DO OUR WEEKLY PROKES. WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITIES EACH WEEK TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS OR THANK YOU OR GOOD-BYE OR GOOD LUCK TO PEOPLE, ALSO TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT GOOD CAUSES THAT ARE OCCURRING ACROSS THE COMMUNITY, AND THIS FIRST IS A SERIES OF HONORARY CITIZEN CERTIFICATES. THESE GO TO RUSSIAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, AND CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO THEIR ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL HOST FAMILIES. I'M TOLD, HOWEVER, SADLY, A NUMBER OF OF THE OF THE HOST FAMILIES ARE STILL STUCK IN TRAFFIC TRYING TO GET HERE BUT OUR RUSSIAN GUESTS HAVE BEEN HERE THIS WHOLE TIME. THEY'RE VERY PROMPT. AND SO I GUESS I'D LIKE TO ASK MARGIE TO COME FORWARD AND HELP THE MAYOR WITH THE PRONUNCIATIONS, PERHAPS, AND WE'LL -- GOOD, SO OUR RUSSIAN TEACHER WILL ACTUALLY READ THE NAMES AND JUST KNOW THAT EACH OF THESE YOUNG STUDENTS WILL BE RECEIVING A CITY OF AUSTIN HONORARY CITIZENSHIP SIGNED BY ME AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL ON THIS 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, MAKING THEM HONORARY CITIZENS OF AUSTIN. SO PERHAPS IF WE COULD READ THE NAMES AND THE CITIZEN WOULD COME FORWARD I COULD GIVE THEM THEIR CERTIFICATE. [READING NAMES] RIDICULOUS [READING NAMES] BURCH-JACKSON.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

ON BEHALF OF OUR GROUPS OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS, WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO RECEIVE US AS SPECIAL GUESTS AND TO BE HONORED HERE.

MAYOR WYNN: WE'RE PROUD TO HAVE YOU ALL HERE.

QUICK GROUP PHOTOGRAPH? PROXIMATE PROXIMATE PROK [APPLAUSE]

IT'S BEEN ANDERSON HIGH SCHOOL'S DELIGHT TO HAVE THESE STUDENTS FOR TWO WEEKS, AND I'M NOW GOING TO READ THE HOST STUDENT OF THE RUSSIAN KIDS, AND IF THEY'D COME FORWARD WITH THEIR FAMILIES QUICKLY. NINES AND FAMILY, BRENDAN

PATTERSON AND FAMILY. DILLON VAUGHN AND FAMILY. JONATHAN MOORE AND FAMILY. PAIGE YOUNGERMAN AND FAMILY. EVELYN CRUMDEN AND FAMILY. EVELYN? EMILY HAYS AND FAMILY. LAURA MINTZ AND FAMILY. HILLARY PARKS AND FAMILY. FANA BROCK AND FAMILY. KATRINA AND MARIA -- I CAN'T SAY IT -- AND FAMILY. HAS NOTHANOVER.

THANKS.

ALLISON LEVITAN AND FAMILY. CHRISTA DUFREESE AND FAMILY. RYAN LEFLER AND FAMILY. RYAN LEFLER. MANY OF THE STUDENTS -- THE STUDENTS DON'T GET OUT OF SCHOOL TILL 4:15 SO IT'S KIND OF A CRUNCH TO GET HERE. I WILL BE SURE THAT THOSE WHO WEREN'T HERE GET THEM. OH, THE HOST TEACHERS, OF COURSE. RAY AND LINDA LESTER. FROM THE FRIENDSHIP FORCE. THEY DID A GREAT JOB HELPING US WITH THE GROUP. AND CURTIS POWELL. [APPLAUSE] AND I'M NOT GOING TO READ MY NAME. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: WELL, PLEASE, JOIN ME ONE MORE TIME IN WELCOMING OUR RUSSIAN GUESTS BUT ALSO THANKING THE AUSTIN FAMILIES AND STUDENTS WHO HELPED OUT. [APPLAUSE] THESE ARE REALLY FUN PROGRAMS.

MAYOR WYNN: JAMES IS HIDING BACK IN THE BACK. OUR NEXT PROCLAMATION IS REGARDING JAMES ARMSTRONG, I'D LIKE TO WELCOME HIM HERE. [APPLAUSE] [CHEERING]

MAYOR WYNN: VERY SPECIAL MAN, VERY SPECIAL ORGANIZATION, AUSTIN LYRIC OPERA WHICH IS SYNONYMOUS WITH A PIECE OF JAMES' PHILANTHROPY ALL THESE YEARS. JAMES ARMSTRONG DAY. I'D LIKE TO READ IT AND THEN ASK JAMES TO SAY A FEW WORDS FOR HIS FRIENDS AND FANS HERE. SO THE PROCLAMATION READS, JAMES C ARMSTRONG IS A PHILANTHROPIST AND PATRON OF THE ARTS WHOSE SUPPORT HAS ENABLED AUSTINITES TO ENJOY OPERA, BALLET, DRAMATIC PERFORMANCES AND FIRST CLASS ART EXHIBITS, AND WHEREAS MR. ARM STRON WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE AUSTIN LYRIC BRUCE HE'S WHO SUPPORT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE AUSTIN MUSE SCHOOL SERVED MORE THAN 1200 STUDENTS EACH WEEK AND WAS NAMED IN HIS HONOR. HE WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY THE GUILD LYRIC OPERA AT THE BALL TO CELEBRATE HIS IMPACT ON AUSTIN AND FAR BEYOND. THEREFORE I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, DO JOIN HIS OPERA FRIENDS IN SAYING BRAVISIMO, BY DECLARING FEBRUARY FEBRUARY 23, 2008, AS JAMES ARM STRON DAY AND JOIN ON ALL AUSTINITES TO JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING HIM.

THIS IS A WONDERFUL HONOR TO BE BESTOWED ON ME. I THANK EVERYONE FOR BEING HERE AND ESPECIALLY MY FRIENDS THAT HAVE COME. REALLY GREAT. THANK YOU, MAYOR. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: ELVIS IS LEAVING THE BUILDING. [LAUGHTER]

MAYOR WYNN: FOR OUR NEXT PROCLAMATION WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT ENGINEERS

WEEK. I'M JOINED BY RICK MCMASTER BUT ALSO SOME OF OUR FRIENDS AND PARTNERS AT AISD AND BEYOND. IN FACT, FOLLOWING ENGINEERS WEEK WE'LL TALK ABOUT AUSTIN ENERGY'S REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR. THIS IS A COUPLE PROCLAMATIONS ABOUT ENCOURAGING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO ENGAGE IN MATH AND SCIENCE. SO THIS PROCLAMATION FOR ENGINEERS WEEK READS, ENGINEERS FROM AUSTIN AND THE CENTRAL TEXAS AREA WILL BEGIN VISITING CLASSROOMS DURING THE SPECIAL WEEK TO HELP STUDENTS DISCOVER ENGINEERING AND TO CULTIVATE AN INTEREST IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH-RELATED FIELDS AMONG OUR YOUTH, AND WHEREAS COMMUNITY EVENTS AT UT AND OTHER VENUES ALSO EMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANT IMPORTANCE OF ENGINEERING TO SOCIETY AS A WHOLE AND TO AREA INDUSTRIES IN PARTICULAR, AND WE SUPPORT THE MISSION OF ENGINEERS WEEK AND THE DISCOVER ENGINEERING PROGRAM TO INSPIRE MORE STUDENTS TO PURSUE CAREERS DESIGNING OUR FUTURE AND IMPROVING OUR WORLD. SO NOW THEREFORE I, WILL WYNN, THE MAYOR OF AUSTIN, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 17 THROUGH 23, 2008 AS ENGINEERS WEEK IN AUSTIN, AND ASK RICK TO COME STEP FORWARD AND TALK ABOUT WHAT A BUNCH OF EXISTING ENGINEERS IN TOWN ARE DOING TO HELP ENCOURAGE YOUNG KIDS TO ENTER THE FIELD. PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING AND THANKING RICK. [APPLAUSE]

AND BEFORE I TART LET ME INTRODUCE MY TWO COLLEAGUES HERE, JOSE GUERRERO FROM AUSTIN AND BARBARA TENDING FROM AISD. I'M VERY HAPPY TO ACCEPT THE PROCLAMATION ON BEHALF OF THE HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS THAT WE HAVE IN THE GREATER AUSTIN COMMUNITY WHO HELPED WITH THIS. LAST YEAR OUR VOLUNTEERS VISITED OVER A HUNDRED SCHOOLS, SAW OVER 15,000 STUDENTS, ENCOURAGING THEM TO STUDY MATH AND ENGINEERING, AND REALLY TO KEEP THE DOORS OPEN TO OPPORTUNITY IN THEIR FUTURE. THIS YEAR WE ALREADY HAVE OVER A HUNDRED SCHOOLS WHO HAVE REQUESTED VISITS, AND WE HAVE OTHER EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY THAT ARE SCHEDULED. THIS SATURDAY IS ENGINEERING DAY AT THE MALL THAT THE UT STUDENT ENGINEERING COUNCIL HOSTS. THAT IS OVER AT HIGHLAND MALL. AT THE SAME TIME AT THE AUSTIN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, THANKS TO APPLIED MATERIALS AND THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS, WE'LL HAVE ENGINEERING DAY FOR SOME OF THE YOUNGER KIDS AROUND. AND THEN THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY IS GIRL DAY AT UT, ENCOURAGING YOUNG GIRLS TO CONSIDER THE FIELD OF ENGINEERING FOR THEIR FUTURE. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS THANKS TO KLRU FOR THEIR SUPPORT. THEY HOSTED THE DESIGN SQUAD EVENT FOR US. LAST YEAR, THEY AIR A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS SUCH AS FIBER CHASE AND DESIGN SQUAD THAT ENCOURAGE OUR YOUTH TO PER SUE CAREERS IN ENGINEERING. I HAVE TWO LOCAL CO-CHAIRS WHO HELP A LOT, JENNIFER VARGAS OF IBM AND DON WILLHOUSE OF THE LOPEZ GARCIA GROUP, AND THE WHOLE -- THAT'S A LOT WE HAVE GOING ON AND IT'S REALLY A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS DRAWN FROM A CROSS SECTION IN THE COMMUNITY WHO REALLY HELP COORDINATE ALL THIS. I'LL TRY AND RUN THROUGH THE LIST REALLY QUICKLY. 3M, AUSTIN CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, AISD, APPLIED MATERIALS, AT&T LAB, CITY OF AUSTIN, FREESCALE, IBM, INTEL, ICRA, THE LOPEZ GARCIA

GROUP, SKILLFUL ALLIANCE, EXPANSION, AND A NUMBER OF SOCIETIES THAT INCLUDE ASCE, IEEE, THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS AND TSPE. I SHOULD ALSO MENTION THAT'S JUST A SMALL CROSS SECTION OF OUR VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY. WE DRAW OUR VOLUNTEERS FROM OVER 65 LOCAL COMPANIES. SO FINALLY WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO DO IS PRESENT YOU WITH ONE OF OUR LOCAL T-SHIRTS.

OH, GOOD.

AND IT'S A LITTLE LARGE SO MAYBE YOU CAN USE IT IN YOUR RUNNING.

THERE YOU GO.

SO DISCOVER ENGINEERING IN CENTRAL TEXAS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ENCOURAGE ANY OF YOU IN THE AUDIENCE HOLD LIKE TO WHO WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER, AND YOU TOO WILL GET ONE OF THESE LIMITED EDITION T-SHIRTS. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: AND SO CONTINUE OUR THEME, THIS TIME THIS YEAR AUSTIN ENERGY HOSTS A REMARKABLE REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR THAT I TRY TO ATTEND EACH YEAR. IT'S A PHENOMENAL EXAMPLE OF HOW JUST WITH A LITTLE BIT OF COORDINATION, A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT, WITH SOME PROFESSIONALS, WE CAN REALLY HAVE AN IMPACT ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S LIVES. MY KIDS EACH YEAR MUSCLE THROUGH THEIR SCIENCE FAIR PROJECT AND HAVE YET TO MAKE IT OVER TO PALMER AS A FINALIST BUT IT'S A REMARKABLE SHOW OF STUDENT ACTIVITY PUT ON BY AUSTIN NRPG. SO I'LL READ THE PROCLAMATION. INGRID WILL COME TALK MORE ABOUT HELPING YOU TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE BOTHER TO DO THIS. THE PROCLAMATION READS: SCIENCE FESTIVAL 2008 WILL SHOWCASE THE TALENT OF ALMOST 4,000 PREKINDERGARTEN THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM PUBLIC, HOME AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS THROUGHOUT THE AUSTIN AREA, AND WHEREAS SCIENCE FAIRS LIKE SCIENCE FESTIVAL 2008, WITH THE THEME UNITING THE WORLD THROUGH SCIENCE, HELPS SPARK AN INTEREST IN CHILDREN TO PURSUE SCIENCE, MATH AND ENGINEERING CAREERS, AND WHEREAS WE CONGRATULATE THE PARTICIPANTS, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHOSE WINNING PROJECTS WILL GO ON TO STATE AND NATIONAL COMPETITIONS. WE THANK AUSTIN ENERGY FOR SPONSORING THIS EVENT FOR THE 9TH YEAR IN A ROW. THEREFORE I, WILL WYNN, MAYOR OF AUSTIN, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM FEBRUARY 20 THROUGH 23, 2008 AS AUSTIN ENERGY'S REGIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL, AND PLEASE JOIN ME IN THANKING INAGREED FOR ALL OF HER WORK THROUGHOUT THE YEARS AND HEAR MORE ABOUT THE FESTIVAL. INGRID? [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND THANK YOU CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. THIS IS A WONDERFUL EVENT. I'M GOING TO EXPLAIN WHY BY INTRODUCING FIRST OF ALL OUR NEW FAIR COORDINATOR, RUSSELL CONE AND BARBARA TENDBRING WHO WAS HERE WITH THE ENGINEERS GROUP. FIRST OF ALL THE ENGINEERS

GROUP HELPS US RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS, WHICH WE APPRECIATE, FOR YOUR FAIR, AND BARBARA TENDRING WAS OUR PREDECESSOR IN ORGANIZING THE FAIR AND SHE STILL SERVES IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY. THIS IS A GREAT EXAMPLE OF HOW THE CITY, THE INDUSTRY AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS COOPERATE IN ENCOURAGING YOUNG STUDENTS AND OLDER STUDENTS TO STAY IN SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND MATH, AND ALL OF US KNOW THAT WE WILL BE NEEDING THOSE STUDENTS WHEN THEY GROW UP AND JOIN THE WORK FORCE. NOW, JOINING THE WORK FORCE IS SOMETHING THEY NEED TO DO, BUT WE ALSO WANT TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO HAVE FUN. WE WANT THEM TO KNOW THAT SCIENCE IS EXCITING, AND WE WANT TO GIVE THEM A PLACE WHERE THEY CAN DEMONSTRATE WHAT THEY HAVE DONE, WHERE THEY CAN TALK TO SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS WHO APPRECIATE WHAT THEY DO AND WHERE THEY FEEL THAT WE CELEBRATE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS. SO I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL OF YOU TO COME TO THE PUBLIC VIEWING OF THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR FAIR, WHICH IS MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL NEXT THURSDAY AT THE PALMER EVENTS CENTER, THAT'S THURSDAY THE 21ST. PUBLIC VIEWING IS FROM 4:30 TO 9:00. YOU MAY ALSO ATTEND THE AWARDS CEREMONY FROM 7:00 TO 9:00. ON SATURDAY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE ELEMENTARY FAIR, AND THAT'S ALMOST 3,000 STUDENTS WHO COME AND SHOW US WHAT THEY HAVE DONE. THEIR PUBLIC VIEWING IS FROM 1:30 TO 3:00. IN THE PAST MAYOR WYNN HAS STOOD THERE AND SHAKEN HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS OF LITTLE HANDS. I'M SORRY THAT HE'S GOING TO BE MISSING IT, BUT I HEAR THAT BREWSTER MCCRACKEN, COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN, WILL BE PRACTICING ALREADY TO SHAKE THAT MANY HANDS. SO I APPRECIATE THE CITY'S SUPPORT AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

MAYOR WYNN: GREAT. THANK YOU, INGRID. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: WELL, THIS IS A SPECIAL ONE FOR ME. I'M JOINED HERE BY COAL KUYKENDALL AND FAMILY, AND WE HAVE A SPECIAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD. AND I'LL READ WHY WE ARE TAKING THE TIME AND EFFORT TO AWARD COAL, BECAUSE IT'S A REMARKABLE STORY, HE'S A REMARKABLE YOUNG MAN. THE CITY OF AUSTIN DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD READS, FOR HIS PERCEPTIVENESS, QUICK ACTION AND CONCERN FOR A CLASSMATE, COLE KUYKENDALL IS DESERVING OF PUBLIC ACCLAIM AND RECOGNITION. DURING A HOLIDAY PARTY COLE HEARD A CLASSMATE CHOKING AND TURNED TO SEE HIM TURNING RED AND GRASPING HIS NECK. REMEMBERING THE TECHNIQUE HE SAW ON TELEVISION COLE PERFORMED THE HEIMLICH MANEUVER AND SAVED HIS CLASSMATE'S LIFE. THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED FOR HIS CLEAR THINKING, HEROIC ACTION IN THIS SITUATION, PRESENTED ON THE 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, THE YEAR 2008, SIGNED BY ME MAYOR WYNN BUT ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE ENTIRE CITY COUNCIL, THIS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD TO MR. COLE KUYKENDALL. [APPLAUSE]

THANKS FOR THE CERTIFICATE.

MAYOR WYNN: WHERE DO YOU GO TO SCHOOL?

I GO TO KYKER ELEMENTARY AND I'M IN THE 5TH GRADE AND I'M GOING TO BAYLOR MIDDLE SCHOOL NEXT YEAR.

WE'RE VERY, VERY PROUD OF COLE. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: GOOD JOB, COLE. I'M PROUD OF YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: OKAY. AND FOR OUR FINAL FORMAL PROCLAMATION I'M GOING TO TURN THE PODIUM OVER TO COUNCIL MEMBER SHERYL COLE BUT I'LL ASK YOU TO HANG LOOSE BECAUSE WE HAVE SOMETHING ELSE WE WANT TO TRY TO DO AS WELL. SHERYL?

COLE: CAN I ASK FOR ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY TO COME FORWARD? HOW ARE YOU DOING? WE KNOW AUSTIN IS AN ACTIVE CITY AND A GREAT CITY, BUT SOMETIMES WE HAVE COMMUNITIES THAT JUST STAND HEADS AND SHOULDERS ABOVE THE REST. I'M GIVING THIS PROCLAMATION TO THE ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY FOR THEIR RECOGNITION AS THE 100 BEST COMMUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO LIVE. THIS AWARD IS AWARDED BY ALMA AND COLIN POWELL TO COMMUNITIES THAT WORK VERY, VERY HARD TO HELP THEIR YOUNG PEOPLE, INCLUDING PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH INITIATIVES. IT WAS BECAUSE OF THIS GROUP'S EFFORTS AND MANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE WEB MIDDLE SCHOOL WAS ABLE TO STAY OPEN. SO WITH THAT I SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COMMUNITY AND I'LL READ THE PROCLAMATION. FOR ITS RECOGNITION AS ONE OF THE TOP 100 COMMUNITIES FOR YOUTH IN AMERICA BY THE AMERICA PROMISE ALLIANCE FOUNDED BY COLIN AND ALMA POWELL, THE ST. JOHN COMMUNITY IS DESERVING OF PUBLIC ACCLAIM AND RECOGNITION. THE AWARD IS A RESULT OF THE INCREDIBLE WORK THAT THE ST. JOHN'S AREA SCHOOL, CITY AGENCIES, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS HAVE DONE TO SUPPORT YOUTH IN THIS CHALLENGING AREA. BECAUSE OF THE STRENGTH AND DEDICATION OF THE ST. JOHN COMMUNITY SCHOOL ALLIANCE, THEY WILL SINGLE OUT FROM MORE THAN A THOUSAND CITIES AND TOWNS NATIONWIDE FOR RECOGNITION. WE JOIN IN CONGRATULATING THE COMMUNITY ON ITS CREATIVE AND COOPERATIVE EFFORT TO HELP CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THEIR AREA REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL WITH THIS CERTIFICATE, PRESENTED THIS 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY IN THE YEAR 2008. THE CITY COUNCIL OF AUSTIN AND MAYOR WILL WYNN. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE ST. JOHN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND HELPED FACILITATE A WE CALL THE ST. JOHN COMMUNITY SCHOOL ALLIANCE. WE PUT THIS TOGETHER ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO AND IT WAS JUST A RECOGNITION OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN DOING GREAT WORK FOR KIDS IN THIS COMMUNITY FOR YEARS AND YEARS. AND WE FORMALIZED IT AND APPLIED FOR THIS AWARD LAST YEAR AND WE RECEIVED IT LAST YEAR, RECEIVED IT AGAIN THIS YEAR FROM THE AMERICA'S PROMISE ALLIANCE. BUT STANDING BEHIND ME IS JUST A SMALL CROSS SECTION OF THE MANY, MANY PEOPLE WHO DO AMAZING THINGS FOR KIDS. I KNOW IN THE PAPERS YOU HEAR A LOT ABOUT THE BAD NEWS AND THE CHALLENGES, BUT YOU DON'T HEAR THE GREAT WORK. A TRANSFORMATION IS GOING ON IN OUR SCHOOLS, AND I JUST WANT TO INTRODUCE THE

PEOPLE -- SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE MAKING THAT HAPPEN. ASSOCIATE SUPERINTENDENT PAUL CRUZ IS -- DIRECTS OUR MIDDLE SCHOOLS IN AUSTIN, AND HE IS DOING A GREAT JOB WITH SOME OF THE MOST CHALLENGING SITUATIONS WE'VE GOT SUPPORTING FAMILIES, AND WE'RE SO GRATEFUL FOR THE COOPERATION HE GIVES US IN OUR COMMUNITY. MARTIN HARRIS FROM AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. A YEAR AGO WHEN WE STARTED TALKING AT WEBB ABOUT HOW DO WE SUPPORT SOME OF THE MOST AT RISK FAMILIES, MARTIN CAME TO US AND SAID, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES WILL PROVIDE A SOCIAL WORKER AT THEIR COST TO COME WORK AT WEBB AND HELP US REALLY SUPPORT THE MOST DESPERATE OF SITUATIONS. SO FAR THIS YEAR WE'VE WORKED WITH OVER 40 FAMILIES THAT PROBABLY WOULD HAVE FAILED OTHERWISE BUT THEY'RE SUCCEEDING AT WEBB AND THAT'S HELPING THE SCHOOL SUCCEED. SO WE'RE GRATEFUL TO MARTIN AND ALSO MONA ALLEN FROM THE ST. JOHN'S COMMUNITY CENTER AND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND THEIR GREAT WORK FOR OUR KIDS. JAN DAWS IS A COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD. SHE LIVES IN THE WEBB AREA, SHE HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY FOR THAT SCHOOL SINCE SHE HEARD ABOUT IT IN THE PAPER LAST YEAR. SHERYL COLE, I CAN'T FORGET, IS AT OUR NEIGHBORHOOD A LOT SUPPORTING US LIKE SHE IS TONIGHT. DONNA HAGY FROM THE AUSTIN PROJECT IS WRITING GRANTS FOR US TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS FOR OUR FOUR LOCAL EXCUSE. DAVID DELGADO IS PRESIDENT OF THE WEBB PCA AND CO-PRESIDENT OF THE ST. JOHN'S NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. HE'S A DAD. HE COACHES A SOCCER TEAM, PAYS FOR EVERYTHING. HE'S THE BEST OF OUR COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS. E.M. TAYLOR IS OUR HISTORIAN. WE'RE AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY THAT HAS HAD HISPANIC AND OTHERS MOVE IN AND SHE KEEPS US ON TRACK AS FAR AS OUR ROOTS IN THIS COMMUNITY, AND WE LOVE HER FOR THAT. AND MY WIFE JULIE IS A NURSE AND KEEPS ME ON TRACK. SO WE ARE HAPPY TO BE HERE TONIGHT AND ACCEPT THIS AWARD. I WANT TO READ YOU THE FIVE PROMISES THAT AMERICA'S PROMISE ALLIANCE CALLS US ALL TO. THEY CALL US TO HELP KIDS SUCCEED WE NEED CARING ADULTS WHO ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE PLACES IN WHICH THE LEARNING GROWS, A HEALTHY START TOWARDS ADULTHOOD, AN EFFECTIVE EDUCATION THAT BUILDS MARKETABLE SKILLS AND OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP OTHERS, AND THOSE ARE OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND YOU'LL BE HEARING FROM THE KIDS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND WE THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR TONIGHT, AND WE DO INVITE MAYOR WYNN AND THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS TO JOIN US. WE'LL BE IN WASHINGTON NEXT SEPTEMBER AT A COUNCIL ON YOUTH WITH COLIN POWELL, A MEETING WITH SOME OF THE OTHER COMMUNITIES THAT ARE DOING THIS WORK AND WE INVITE YOU TO COME JOIN US. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

AND WE HAVE A GIFT HERE TO REMIND MAYOR WYNN AND DR. CRUZ OF THESE FIVE PROMISES AND A PIN FOR COUNCILWOMAN COAL, AND IT'S A LITTLE WAGON, AND IT'S KIND OF LIKE THE WAGONS WE USED TO PULL WHEN WE WERE KIDS. IT'S GOT THE FIVE PROMISES ON IT. MAYOR WYNN, THEY USED TO HAVE A BIG KIND.

MAYOR WYNN: I LIKE THIS.

YOU GOT IT. IT WORKS REALLY WELL. DR. CRUZ, I EXPECT TO SEE THIS IN YOUR OFFICE.
[LAUGHTER]

MAYOR WYNN: WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE] COLE

AND IF I CAN JUST STEAL THE SHOW HERE JUST FOR A SECOND, I'D ALSO LIKE TO PRESENT THIS AMERICA'S PROMISE BRIEFCASE TO ALLEN AND JULIE WEEKS BECAUSE THEY HAVE BEEN CARRYING THE WATER FOR THIS INITIATIVE FOR A LONG TIME AND THEY'VE REALLY BEEN THE GLUE FOR THIS COMMUNITY TO HELP -- TO HELP GET THE COMMUNITY GOING AND KEEPING IT STRONG. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: OKAY. THE SPECIAL GIFT FOR THOSE OF YOU-ALL WHO HAVE BEEN DELAYED IN HEARING YOUR ZONING CASES. SINCE WE ARE -- SINCE WE'RE POST-ED FOR LIVE MUSIC EVERY THURSDAY AT 5:30, WE HAVE A SPECIAL TREAT. YOU-ALL PROBABLY KNOW THAT THIS IS CITY MANAGER TOBY FUTRELL'S LAST MEETING. SHE HAS BEEN INSISTENT, ABSOLUTELY INSISTENT, ALL THIS PAST MONTH, BUT ESPECIALLY ALL WEEK, THAT WE REALLY NOT DO ANYTHING, NO BIG CERTIFICATES, NO STREET SIGNS, NO GET OUT OF JAIL FREE CARDS, ALL THAT STUFF. BUT MUSIC IS THE -- YOU KNOW, HEART AND SOUL OF THIS COMMUNITY. WE TAKE IT VERY SERIOUSLY AS A POLICY STATEMENT HERE IN THE AUSTIN, AND AS CITY MANAGER -- NO CITY MANAGER HAS BEEN AS WELL VERSED IN, CONNECTED TO, APPRECIATIVE OF, FAN OF AUSTIN MUSIC THAN TOBY FUTRELL. SO I'D LIKE TO ASK COUNCIL MEMBER MCCrackEN, WHO PLAYED A LITTLE PART IN THIS CONSPIRACY, TO INTRODUCE A FABULOUS, FABULOUS ACT.

AND HERE'S THE DEAL. WE ARE -- NONE OF US -- THE DEAL IS TOBY ONLY AGREED TO STAY AS LONG AS WE GAVE NO SPEECHES ABOUT HOW AWESOME, WONDERFUL SHE IS, SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO SAY HOW MUCH WE MISS HER AND LOVE HER, INSTEAD WE'LL LET KELLY WILSON, BRUCE ROBINSON, WHO GRACIOUSLY HAVE GREED TO COME ON VALENTINE DAY TO COME AND SING A GOOD-BYE SONG TO SOMEONE WE REALLY LOVE AND ARE GOING TO MISS TREMENDOUSLY.

MAYOR WYNN: BRUCE ROBINSON AND KELLY WILSON. [MUSIC PLAYING] [(music) SINGING (music)] HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN. HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU (music) (music) KEEP SMILING UNTIL THEN (music) (music) WHO CARES ABOUT THE CLOUDS WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER (music) (music) SING A SONG AND BRING THE SUNNY WEATHER (music) (music) HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN (music) (music) (WHISTLING) [WHISTLING]WHISTLING] (music) WHO CARES ABOUT THE CLOUDS WHEN WE'RE TOGETHER (music)

JUST SING A SONG AND BRING THE SUNNY WEATHER (music)

HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN (music) (music) HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU TILL WE

MEET AGAIN (music) (music)(music)

MAYOR WYNN: HAPPY TRAILS. [APPLAUSE]

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

GOOD LUCK.

FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE. [APPLAUSE]

MAYOR WYNN: WE PROMISED -- WE PROMISED NO SPEECHES. TOBY?

NO ONE BELIEVES ME ON THIS. IT'S BEEN AN HONOR AND A PRIVILEGE, AND THANK YOU.
[APPLAUSE] TOBY FUTRELL

MAYOR WYNN: 65 CONCERNING LEGAL TRANSITIONS OF COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES, CLINIC SYSTEM TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. SEVERAL OF THESE ITEMS WE DID NOT TAKE UP, AND WILL NOT, THAT BEING ITEM 67, ITEM 70 AND ITEM 72 HAVE NOT BEEN AND WON'T BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION TODAY. NOW, BACK IN OPEN SESSION, APOLOGIZE FOR THE DELAY FOR EVERYBODY. WE'LL NOW GO TO OUR POTENTIAL CONSENT AGENDA FOR ZONING PUBLIC HEARINGS. WELCOME, MR. GREG GERNES.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. THE 4:00 ZONING AND NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENTS, THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ARE OPEN AND THERE'S POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS. NO. 85, OFFER FOR CONSENT IS CASE C14 2008-0004, THE ROWSDALE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA VERTICAL MIXED USE BUILDING, A ZONING OPTING IN OPTING OUT PROCESS. STAFF IS RECOMMENDING POSTPONEMENT OF THIS ITEM TO YOUR MARCH 20 AGENDA. THE COMMISSION IS NOT SET TO TAKE ACTION ON THIS ITEM TILL FEBRUARY 26. ITEM NO. 86 IS CASE C14-2007- C14-2007-0250, FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 8718, 8735 SOUTHWEST PARKWAY AND 5105 TO 5301 BARTON CREEK BOULEVARD. STAFF IS RECOMMENDING A POSTPONEMENT OF THIS ITEM TO YOUR FEBRUARY 28 AGENDA. ITEM NO. 87, THIS IS CASE C14-2007-0207. THIS IS FOR THE PROPERTY AT 2700 WEST ANDERSON LANE. THE PLANNING COMMISSION POSTPONED THIS ITEM TO THEIR FEBRUARY 26 MEETING AND WE HAVE A NEIGHBORHOOD POSTPONEMENT REGARDING THIS ITEM TO YOUR MARCH 20 MEETING. SO THIS IS A NEIGHBORHOOD POSTPONEMENT TO MARCH 20. ITEM NO. 88 IS CASE C14-2007-0173 FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6414 MANCHACA ROAD. STAFF IS RECOMMENDING A POSTPONEMENT OF THIS ITEM TO YOUR MARCH 6 AGENDA. ITEM NO. 89 IS CASE C14-2007-0241. THIS IS AT GRANDVIEW HILLS SECTION 9 PROPERTY AT 12200 TO 12700 BLOCK OF PARK AVENUE. THIS IS A REQUEST FOR INTERIM OR I-RR DISTRICT ZONING TO LIMITED OFFICE OR LO DISTRICT ZONING. THE ZONING AND PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WAS TO GRANT LO LIMITED OFFICE DISTRICT ZONING. IT'S READY FOR CONSENT APPROVAL ON ALL THREE READINGS. ITEM NO. 90 IS CASE C14-2007-0233 LOCATED AT 2811 DELL CURT ON ROAD. THIS IS A REZONING REQUEST

FROM FAMILY, SF-3 DISTRICT ZONING TO URBAN FAMILY RESIDENCE, CONDITIONAL OVERLAY OR SF-5-CO COMBINING DISTRICT ZONING. THE PLAN COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION WAS TO GRANT THE URBAN FAMILY RESIDENCE CONDITIONAL OVERLAY SF-5-CO. THIS IS READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS. THERE'S A REPRESENTATIVE FROM FROM THE SOUTH LAMAR NEIGHBORHOOD THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK. THEY DON'T NECESSARILY HAVE AN OBJECTION BUT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND I'M NOT SURE IF SHE'S STILL -- CAROL GIBBS IS STILL HERE. IF YOU'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM HER NOW OR I CAN READ YOU THE REST OF THESE.

SORRY, BUT THE PROPOSAL IS CONSENT ON ALL THREE READINGS.

CONSENT ON ALL THREE AND THE NEIGHBORHOOD WANTS TO MAKE A QUICK COMMENT.

WHY DON'T YOU JUST COME FORWARD NOW, PLEASE.

THANK YOU, MAYOR AND COUNCIL. I'M CAROL GIBBS GIBBS. I'M A MEMBER OF THE ZONING COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH LAMAR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, AND I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A POINT, TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLAIN WHY WE WOULD NOT BE OPPOSING AN SF 5 UP ZONING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN AD MAT ABOUT NOT INCREASING THE DENSITY BEYOND WHAT THE CURRENT ZONING ALLOWS. AND THE REASON WE'RE SUPPORTING THE SF 5 IS BECAUSE THE APPLICANTS HAVE AGREED TO BUILD NO MORE, NOT EVEN AS MUCH, AS WHAT THEY COULD BUILD UNDER SF-3. THEY'RE WANTING THE SF 5 BECAUSE THEY WANT TO BUILD SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES RATHER THAN DUPLEXES. BUT THEY'RE DOING LESS AND FEWER UNITS THAN THEY COULD HAVE BY DOING DUPLEXES IN SF-3. THEY'VE ALSO -- NEGOTIATING THE OTHER CONDITIONS THAT ARE IN THE ORDINANCE AND I WON'T TAKE YOUR TIME THERE, BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE A POINT THAT THEY APPROACHED US LONG BEFORE THEY SUBMITTED THEIR ZONING APPLICATION. THEY WAITED FOR US TO GET THROUGH SOME OTHER CASES THAT WE WERE IN THE THROES OF. THEY'VE BEEN VERY PATIENT WITH US, VERY AMENABLE TO WORKING WITH US, MET WITH STAFF WITH US. THAT'S THE KIND OF RELATIONSHIP THAT WE APPRECIATE WITH DEVELOPERS WHEN WANTING TO INCREASE THE ZONING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. SO WE ARE -- WE DO HAVE A COUPLE OF MEMBERS WHO ARE OPPOSED TO THAT ZONING BECAUSE OF THE PRECEDENT THAT IT WOULD SET IN TERMS OF SEEING SF 5, ANOTHER PIECE OF SF 5 IN THE MIDDLE OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BUT THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO SPEAK, IS BECAUSE THERE IS AN EXCEPTION TO -- KIND OF EXCEPTIONAL THAT WE ARE SUPPORTING THIS UP-ZONING.

THANK YOU, CAROL. JUST FOR THE RECORD, SO THESE -- THE DEVELOPERS WHO WILL SPEAK -- RON PENA? WHO IS THE TEAM -- I MEAN, IT'S JUST NOT TOO HEAR SUCH COMPLIMENTARY.

RON PENA IS BACK HERE ON THE LEFT.

MAYOR WYNN: WELCOME.

AND MICHAEL FRIEDMAN.

MAYOR WYNN: YES, THANK YOU. COUNCIL, WITHOUT OBJECTION, THAT WILL REMAIN THE PROPOSED THREE READINGS ON CONSENT.

ITEM NO. 91, CASE C14, 2008-0003. THIS IS ON WINDSOR ROAD, NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA VERTICAL MIXED USE BUILDING, ZONING OPT-IN/OPT-OUT PROCESS. THIS IS A DISCUSSION POSTPONEMENT. WE HAVE SOME PROPERTY OWNERS THAT HAVE REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT OF THIS ITEM TO MARCH 20, AND I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE THERE IS SOME NEIGHBORHOOD OBJECTION TO THAT POSTPONEMENT. ITEMS NO. 92 AND 93, I BELIEVE WE HAVE ONE OR TWO SPEAKERS TO SPEAK IN OPTICIAN TO 92 AND 93 BUT ITEM 94 I CAN OFFER ON CONSENT AS A CONSENT POSTPONEMENT, THIS IS CASE C14 --

ACTUALLY, MR. GUERNSEY, TECHNICALLY THE ONLY PERSON SIGNED UP ON ITEM NO. 92 IS IN FAVOR.

OH, REALLY? LET ME CHECK 93 FOR YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: 93 HAS A COUPLE PEOPLE IN OPPOSITION BUT --

OKAY. THESE ARE RELATED, THOUGH, AND YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER THEM TOGETHER. ITEM NO. 94 IS CASE C14 H-2007-0028. BURCH-JACKSON HOUSE AT 1706 CANTERBURY STREET. PREVIOUSLY THIS ITEM WAS POSTPONED, BUT I BELIEVE THE APPLICANT -- NOW WE HAVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S FIRST POSTPONEMENT REQUEST, AND WE DIDN'T GET A SPECIFIC DATE BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT WE'VE JUST PROBABLY POSTPONED THIS TWO WEEKS TO YOUR NEXT MEETING ON THE 28TH, SINCE THE MEETING ON THE 21ST HAS BEEN CANCELLED. SO THAT CONCLUDES THE ITEMS I CAN OFFER FOR CONSENT AT THIS TIME. I MAY --

91.

HEAR FROM BOTH SIDES?

MAYOR WYNN: LET'S DO. SO AGAIN, COUNCIL, WE HAVE DISCUSSION OF A POSTPONEMENT REQUEST FOR ITEM NO. 91, AND I'M NOT SURE WHO --

I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE PROPERTY OWNERS THAT WERE AFFECTED BY THIS REZONING REQUEST, AND THEY HAVE MADE A REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT. SO -- AND I DON'T KNOW THE INDIVIDUALS' NAMES, BUT PERHAPS THEY WOULD LIKE TO COME FORWARD FIRST AND THEN A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

MAYOR WYNN: FAIR ENOUGH. SO IF SOMEBODY COULD COME FORWARD, PLEASE. AGAIN, WE'RE DISCUSSING WHETHER TO POSTPONE ITEM NO. 91, AND OFTENTIMES WHEN WE HAVE THAT DISCUSSION THERE'S STILL GOOD DEBATE ABOUT TO WHICH DATE WE WILL POSTPONE IT TOO. BAD GRAMMAR, WASN'T IT? SO IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO OPINE ABOUT THE POTENTIAL POSTPONEMENT OF ITEM NO. 91, PUBLIC HEARING.

I DON'T SEE ANYONE --

SORRY, MR. GUERNSEY, IS IT FAIR TO SAY THAT BOTH SIDES ARE OKAY WITH THE POSTPONEMENT. IT WAS THE LENGTH OF POSTPONEMENT THAT MIGHT BE IN QUESTION?

NO, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD, WINDSOR ROAD NEIGHBORS, WOULD LIKE THIS CASE TO GO FORWARD THIS EVENING, AND THAT THERE WERE INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS THAT REQUESTED A POSTPONEMENT. BUT --

WELL, I SEE JOYCE BEHIND YOU.

BUT I KNOW SOMEONE FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS HERE.

MAYOR WYNN: JOYCE, WHY DON'T YOU GIVE US QUICKLY YOUR PERSPECTIVE ON THE POSTPONEMENT, NOT THE ACTUAL CASE YOURSELF.

GOOD EVENING MAYOR WYNN AND COUNCIL, JOYCE, PRESIDENT OF THE BRYKER WOODS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. WE'VE WORKED VERY HARD ON THIS APPLICATION, AND WE ARE READY TO DISCUSS IT TONIGHT. WE DON'T FEEL THAT A POSTPONEMENT IS NECESSARY, AND IF I MAY, I'D LIKE TO TURN SOME OF OUR OTHER SPEAKERS LOOSE ON THIS. WE -- WE'VE PUT IN A LOT OF VOLUNTEER HOURS ON THIS PLAN, AND WE LOOKED AT - - WE LOOKED AT THE VMU PROPERTIES EAST OF SHOAL CREEK AND WE DECIDED THAT BOTH PROPERTIES WOULD BENEFIT WITH THE VMU OVERLAY. MAY BRING MORE RESIDENTS INTO OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. BUT THE PROPERTIES ALONG 35TH STREET WE ARE ALREADY HAVING A PROBLEM WITH TRAFFIC AND PARKING, OVERFLOW PARKING FROM THE COMMERCIAL INTERESTS, AND SO THAT'S WHY WE EXCLUDED THOSE PROPERTIES AND WE ARE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN DECIDING TONIGHT BECAUSE WE ARE IN A NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS AND WE WOULD LIKE TO DEAL WITH THIS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS.

MAYOR WYNN: OKAY. THANK YOU, JOYCE.

I'LL TURN IT OVER TO HAPPY.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, MY NAME IS AUGUST HARRIS AND I'M PRESIDENT ELECT OF WEST AUSTIN NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP, RESIDENT OF BRYKER WOODS AND I ACTUALLY LIVE ON THIS CORE TRANSIT CORRIDOR THAT'S IN DISCUSSION TODAY. IT'S COME TO MY ATTENTION IN

THE LAST FEW DAYS THAT A FEW COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS ADJACENT WHO HAVE NEVER PARTICIPATED IN THE CTCVMU DISCUSSION NOR TO MY KNOWLEDGE IN THE WEST AUSTIN COMBINED NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN NOW IN ITS 8TH MONTH HAVE WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS COME FORWARD ASKING FOR A POSTPONEMENT. THE POSTPONEMENT SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. FURTHERMORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION SHOULD BE ADOPTED IN REGARD TO THIS OVERLAY. THE DIALOGUE LEADING UP TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF PROPTS TO BE OPTED IN AND OUT WAS INCLUSIVE AND IT WAS TIME CONSUMING. CITIZENS GAVE THEIR TIME AND EFFORT TO ARRIVE AT A THOUGHTFUL PLAN. THESE FEW COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS WILL HAVE, IN EFFECT, CIRCUMVENTED SEVERAL YEARS OF WORK AND THOUGHT. THESE FEW COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE IN THE INITIAL OPT OUT LIST WERE NOT INCLUDED CAN AND SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS. CITY NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING STAFF AND NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS HAVE TRIED IN VAIN TO GET BUSINESSES INVESTED IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS. PERHAPS BY REQUIRING THEM TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS TO GET A VMU OVERLAY WILL BE A FAR GREATER BENEFIT FOR EVERYBODY. VMU WILL BE A TOOL IN OUR TOOLBOX AND FOR THE PROPERTY OWNERS SHOULD THEY IN FURTHER CONSIDERATION CHOOSE TO CONTINUE IN THE VMU OVERLAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, AGAIN, THAT HAS BEEN UNDER WAY FOR 8 MONTHS. THERE IS NO REASON FOR THESE FEW COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS TO RUSH IN NOW UNLESS THEY HAVE A CONTRACT PENDING SINCE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS IS ABOUT TO MOVE INTO THE CRUCIAL ZONING PORTION. THERE IS NO ADVERSE IMPACT ON THEM IF COUNCIL MOVES TO ADOPT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION. THEY ARE NOT PROHIBITED FROM PURSUING VMU BUT THAT SHOULD NOT DELAY WHAT EVERYBODY HAS WORKED TIRELESSLY ON. LASTLY, SUCH A CIRCUMVENTION, IF ALLOWED BY COUNCIL, DOES LITTLE MORE DEMEAN THE WORK CITIZENS HAVE PUT INTO THIS PROCESS, AND IT ALSO SERVES TO REDUCE THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROCESS TO AN EXPENSIVE TIME CONSUMING POINTLESS EXERCISE. PLEASE APPROVE TONIGHT THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION. THANK YOU.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, MR. HARRIS. AND PERHAPS IF THERE IS A REPRESENTATIVE FROM ANY OF THE PROPERTIES THAT WOULD LIKE A POSTPONEMENT, WE SHOULD HEAR THAT. WE TYPICALLY GRANT A REQUEST TO POSTPONE A CASE, AT LEAST ON THE FIRST REQUEST, BUT --

WELL, MAYOR, DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THE PARTIES ARE HERE. IT'S A HOLTAN BURNS, BETTY BRADY AND A MARK INSTOCKER. ALSO THERE IS A RAY ZOMIK, AND THE ONLY THING I COULD SUGGEST, IT SOUNDS LIKE WE COULD POSTPONE ONLY THE ADDRESSES THAT I'VE GOT BEFORE ME WHICH WERE PRESENTED IN THE FORM OF ACTUAL PETITIONS THAT WERE ACTUALLY PROTESTING THE CHANGE IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, NOT LIKE THEY ACTUALLY WANT TO BE PART OF THIS, AND WE COULD POSTPONE THOSE TRACTS AND LET THE REST OF THIS GO THROUGH ON CONSENT. AND THEN WE COULD BRING BACK THESE CONTESTED TRACTS AT A LATER DATE, AND I COULD READ THE ADDRESSES THAT I

HAVE BEFORE ME IN THE RECORD AND THEN ALLOW THE REST OF IT TO GO THROUGH, IF THAT'S YOUR DESIRE.

MAYOR WYNN: SO WITHOUT OBJECTION, COUNCIL? THANK YOU, MR. GUERNSEY.

OKAY. WELL, THEN LET ME READ THESE ADDRESSES INTO THE RECORD, 1811 AND 1815 WEST 35TH STREET. 1721 WEST 35TH STREET, 1807 WEST 35TH STREET AND 1803 WEST 35TH STREET. AND WITH THOSE EXCEPTIONS NOTED FOR BEING POSTPONED, WE COULD THEN PROPOSE ITEM NO. 91 ON CONSENT. I BELIEVE IT'S FOR FIRST READING ONLY.

MAYOR WYNN: I LIKE THAT, MR. GUERNSEY.

MAYOR WYNN: COUNCIL MEMBER LEFFINGWELL?

LEFFINGWELL: I GUESS I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION. THE LIST OF PROPERTIES YOU JUST READ OFF ARE THE ONES THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED NOT BE OPTED OUT FROM VMU?

I'D REALLY HAVE TO GO BACK THROUGH AND LOOK AT, BUT THESE ARE FOLKS THAT ARE --

LEFFINGWELL: PART OF THEM?

THESE ARE PARTIES THAT WANT TO BE INCLUDED AND I BELIEVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD WANTS THEM EXCLUDED, AND THEY HAVE AN OBJECTION BUT THEY'RE JUST NOT PRESENT THIS EVENING.

LEFFINGWELL: SO THEY WERE ALL -- THEY WERE ALL EXCLUDED AS A PART OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION?

I WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK THROUGH AND SPECIFICALLY LOOK. IF YOU CAN WAIT ONE MOMENT I'LL ASK GEORGE ADAMS TO COME UP AND HE CAN CLARIFY THAT.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, GEORGE ADAMS WITH NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. EXCUSE ME. THE NEIGHBORHOOD RECOMMENDED THAT TRACTS 1 THROUGH 6 ON THE MAP THAT IS BEFORE YOU BE EXCLUDED FROM THE VMU OVERLAY DISTRICT. SOME OF THE ADDRESSES THAT MR. GUERNSEY READ OUT ARE IN TRACTS 1 AND 2 -- ARE THOSE -- THOSE ADDRESSES THAT MR. GUERNSEY READ OUT ARE RELATED TO TRACTS 1 AND 2. SO THE -- JUST TO RECAP, THE NEIGHBORHOOD RECOMMENDATION WAS TO APPLY ALL VMU STANDARDS TO TRACTS 7 THROUGH 21 AND TO EXCLUDE TRACTS 1 THROUGH 6 FROM THE OVERLAY DISTRICT.

LEFFINGWELL: ALL WE'RE DOING IS POSTPONING A FEW OF THE PROPERTIES IN TRACTS 1

THROUGH 6. THAT'S WHAT'S BEFORE US?

I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE EVEN MORE LIMITED THAN THAT, JUST TRACTS 1 AND 2 AND YOU WOULD BE ACTING ON THE REMAINDER OF THE TRACTS.

BEFORE WE BRING THEM BACK WE'LL CLARIFY THIS THAT THOSE ADDRESSES I READ DO MATCH UP WITH 1 AND 2. I'VE READ THE ADDRESSES INTO THE RECORD AND IF THAT'S WHAT YOU ACT UPON THEN WE KNOW THAT THAT WILL BE ACCURATE, BECAUSE WE PICKED UP THOSE SPECIFIC PROPERTIES.

MAYOR WYNN: SO YOU BELIEVE FOR THE RECORD YOU'VE READ THAT CASE WELL ENOUGH WHERE WE CAN DO THIS ON FIRST READING?

1803, 1807, 1811, 18 -- LOOKS LIKE 15, AND 1721 WEST 35TH STREET WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM YOUR MOTION, AND WOULD BE POSTPONED, AND WE WOULD BRING THIS BACK, AND THE ONLY QUESTION IS THE DATE. THEY HAD ASKED FOR MARCH 20.

MAYOR WYNN: WELL, WHEN WOULD YOU SUGGEST -- WHEN WOULD YOU THINK THAT STAFF WOULD BE BRINGING BACK THE CASE FOR SECOND AND THIRD READING ANYWAY, INDEPENDENT OF --

GUERNSEY: PROBABLY BE -- WELL, APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH FROM TODAY, WHICH WOULD BE PROBABLY CLOSE TO THE 20TH.

MAYOR WYNN: RIGHT.

GUERNSEY: WE CAN BRING THEM BACK THAT SAME NIGHT AS THE SECOND AND THIRD READING AND THAT WAY THE NEIGHBORS COULD BE HERE AND LISTEN TO SECOND AND THIRD READING AND ALSO SPEAK TO THE FIRST READING ACTION ON THESE PROPERTIES, AND SO THEY'RE NOT HAVING TO COME BACK TWICE. WE COULD DOCH.

DO THAT.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU. AND REMIND ME, THE SUGGESTION ON 94 WAS A POSTPONEMENT? GERNES

GUERNSEY: THAT'S RIGHT. AND WE WOULD SUGGEST THE 28TH, WE DO NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC DATE. THERE'S NOT A MEETING NEXT WEEK.

MAYOR WYNN: COUNCIL, THE PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA ON THESE CASES WHERE WE'VE YET TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING WOULD BE TO POSTPONE ITEM 85 TO MARCH 20, 2008, TO POSTPONE ITEM 86 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2008, POSTPONING ITEM 87 TO MARCH 20, 2008, POSTPONING ITEM 88 TO MARCH 6, 2008, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND

APPROVE ON ALL THREE READINGS CASES 89 AND 90, TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE ON FIRST READING ONLY CASE 91, EXCLUDING THE PROPERTIES READ INTO THE RECORD BY MR. GUERNSEY, AND POSTPONING THOSE -- THAT CASE, THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THOSE EXCLUDED PROPERTIES TO MARCH 20, 2008, AT WHICH TIME WE ANTICIPATE HEARING THE SECOND AND THIRD READING OF THE CURRENT CASE. AND TO POSTPONE ITEM NO. 94 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2008.

GUERNSEY: RIGHT.

MAYOR WYNN: I'LL ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION. MOTION MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER MCCrackEN, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER COLE, TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS READ. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCIL MEMBER MCCrackEN?

MCCrackEN: I JUST WANT TO SAY REAL BRIEFLY I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE WINDSOR NEIGHBORHOOD, I KNOW HOW HARD THEY WORK AND THE THOFL THOUGHTFUL EFFORT ON THE APPLICATION OVERLAY.

MAYOR WYNN: AGREED. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

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MAYOR WYNN: AYE. OPPOSED? CONSENT AGENDA PASSES ON A VOTE OF 6-0, COUNCIL MEMBER KIM OFF THE DAIS. MR. GUERNSEY, IF YOU DON'T MIND, BEFORE WE GO TO THE ZONING CASE, COMBINED CASE 92, 93 BECAUSE OF A COUPLE OF DIFLT STAFF -- DIFFERENT STAFF FOLKS, I'D LIKE TO TAKE UP WHAT WOULD BE A RELATIVELY SHORT DISCUSSION ON OUR GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT, RFP, AND WELCOME ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER LAURA HUFFMAN FOR A BRIEF PRESENTATION.

THANK YOU MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS. WHAT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU IS A DRAFT OF A FINAL RESOLUTION, AND MAYOR, IF YOU'D LIKE WHAT I CAN DO IS WALK THROUGH FOR YOU THE CHANGES THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THE DRAFT YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU VERSUS THE DRAFT THAT WE HAVE BEEN MOVING THROUGH THE BOARD AND COMMISSION PROCESS FOR THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS. AND HERE ARE THOSE CHANGES. WE HAVE ADDED A "WHEREAS WRTS STATEMENT, AND IT IS THE NEW FOURTH WHEREAS STATEMENT WHICH READS, THE WHEREAS THE CITY OF AUSTIN VALUES AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEEP INCOME LEVELS THROUGHOUT OUR COMMUNITY, INCLUDING DOWNTOWN. THAT'S THE FIRST CHANGE. AND THEN IF YOU GO TO THE SECTION THAT IS ENTITLED "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BEING" AND THIS IS A SECTION IN A RESOLUTION THAT ESSENTIALLY DIRECTS THE COUNCIL'S ACTION, AND YOU WILL SEE THAT IT IS A NUMBERED SECTION, AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE ITEM NO. 1, WE HAVE ADDED LANGUAGE THERE, I'LL READ THE FIRST PART OF THE ITEM AND THEN SHOW YOU WHERE WE ADDED LANGUAGE. SO ITEM 1 IS THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR THE SALE AND

REDEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROPERTY," AND THEN COUNCIL THE LANGUAGE WE ADDED IS "AND FOR THE PROPERTY CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY THE AUSTIN ENERGY CONTROL CENTER," AND SO BY WAY OF EXPLANATION, THE CHANGE THAT WE'VE MADE HERE IS "AS ORIGINALLY DRAFTED THIS RESOLUTION HAD US PUTTING TOGETHER TWO SEPARATE RFP'S, ONE FOR THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT SITE AND A SECOND ONE FOR THE ECC BUILDING. WHAT THIS CHANGE DOES IS IT HAS US ISSUING A SINGLE RFP FOR BOTH PIECES OF PROPERTY. AND THEN IF YOU GO TO THE TAIL END OF THAT NUMBERED ITEM 1 WE ADDED THE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE THAT POINTS OUT WHAT THAT PROPERTY LOOKS LIKE, AND THAT NEW LANGUAGE READS, "THE CITY COUNCIL DESIRES TO SELL APPROXIMATELY 1.749 ACRES OF PROPERTY COMPRISING THE AUSTIN ENERGY CONTROL CENTER AND USE THE PROCEEDS FROM THAT SALE FOR THE RELOCATION OF THIS AUSTIN ENERGY FUNCTION." AND WHAT THAT LANGUAGE DOES IS IT JUST ENSURES THAT WHEN WE GET THE PROPOSALS BACK WE'LL GET TWO BIDS, ESSENTIALLY, FROM EACH PROPOSER, ONE FOR THE GREEN WATER TREATMENT PLANT SITE AND A SECOND FOR THE ECC, AND THE REASON THAT WE'VE KEPT THEM DISTINCT IS BECAUSE THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE ECC ARE TO BE USED IN ORDER FOR US TO FUND THE MOVE OF THAT FUNCTION TO A NEW SITE, AND THAT'S WHAT THAT LANGUAGE ACCOMPLISHES. AND THEN IF YOU GO TO THE NUMBERED ITEM 3, IT HAS UNDERNEATH IT 3 A, 3 B, 3 C, 3D. WE ADDED A NEW E, WHICH STATES, "COMMUNITY VALUES, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND OR PUBLIC BENEFITS, AND JUST BY WAY OF EXPLANATION, WHAT THIS SECTION IS DOING IS IT IS TELLING THE PROPOSING COMMUNITY WHAT YOUR KEY GOALS ARE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT. AND SO THE SIGNAL THAT WE'RE SENDING HERE IS THESE ARE THE CITY COUNCIL'S POLICY PRIORITIES SO IF YOU ARE PROPOSING ON THESE SITES HERE ARE THE KINDS OF THINGS WE'RE LOOKING FOR FROM A PUBLIC POLICY PERSPECTIVE. AND THEN WE ADDED A NEW NO. 5, AND THE NEW NO. 5 RELATES TO A AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR AN EXISTING ITEM -- THAT WAS IN YOUR ORIGINAL RESOLUTION AND IT SIMPLY RESTATES THAT 40% OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE CITY'S PROPERTY TAXES THAT WILL RESULT FROM PUTTING THIS LAND BACK ON THE TAX ROLLS WILL GO TO THE AUSTIN HOUSING TRUST FUND AND WILL BE SPENT TO PROVIDE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE URBAN CORE OF AUSTIN. SO THAT'S YOUR FIRST AFFORDABLE HOUSING GOAL. AND THEN WHAT WE'VE ADDED IN 5 IS THE REQUIREMENT THAT PROPOSALS THAT INCLUDE A RENTAL HOUSING COMPONENT SHALL PROVIDE FOR A MINIMUM OF 10% OF THE UNITS TO INDIVIDUALS EARNING AT OR BELOW 80% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME, AND SHALL INCLUDE AN OPTION FOR THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR ADDITIONAL UNITS AND OR DEEPER AFFORDABILITY. SO YOU HAVE IN TWO WAYS ADDRESSED AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THIS RESOLUTION NOW. AND THEN THE FINAL CHANGE IS NO. 5 ON THE VERY LAST PAGE OF THE RESOLUTION, AND THE WAY THAT READS NOW IS, "THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC AMENITIES," AND THE NEW LANGUAGE IS, "INCLUDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO BE IDENTIFIED BY THE CITY COUNCIL WITHIN THE SEAHOLM EAST REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. AND AGAIN DISTRICT. WHAT THIS LANGUAGE IS DOING IS SIGNALING TO THE COMMUNITY YOUR EMPHASIS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF AFFORDABLE

HOUSING AS PART OF THE PROPOSAL THAT YOU'LL BE REVIEWING. AND MAYOR, THOSE ARE THE CHANGES TO THE ORIGINAL RESOLUTION.

MAYOR WYNN: THANK YOU, LAURA. QUESTIONS, COUNCIL? COUNCIL MEMBER MCCRACKEN?

MCCRACKEN: I WANT TO CLARIFY, LAURA, THAT THE NO. 6, THE PROPOSED -- IT SAYS PROPOSALS DIDN'T INCLUDE RENTAL HOUSING, AMENDMENT, 10% OF THE UNITS TO INDIVIDUALS EARNING AT OR BELOW 80% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME, SHALL INCLUDE AN OPTION FOR THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP, OR DEEPER AFFORDABILITY. THAT SPEAKS TO THE ADDITIONAL -- THE ADDITIONAL PART SPEAKS TO EITHER FOR RENT OR FOR SALE AND NOT JUST TO RENTAL; IS THAT RIGHT? IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE WERE TO DO A PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IT COULD BE FOR SALE OR FOR RENTAL UNITS. WE'RE NOT SAYING THAT WE HAVE FORECLOSED THE OPTION OF DOING PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR SALE OF PRODUCT DISM.

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I WOULD RECOMMEND WE CLARE FOR A THAT AND AFTER THE WORD AND WE MIGHT ADD AND FOR ANY PROPOSALS INCLUDING A HOUSING PROPONENT -- OR ANY PROPOSALS WITH A HOUSING COMPONENT SHALL INCLUDE AN OPTION FOR, AND THEN I THINK IT'S PERFECTLY CLEAR.

MCCRACKEN: AND THERE'S A SECOND ISSUE, AND THAT SPEAKS TO HOW WE'RE GOING TO HANDLE A POTENTIAL SALES PRICE. BECAUSE WHAT WE ARE ESTABLISHING IS INTENTIONALLY A PROCESS VERY SIMILAR TO THE PROBT ROBERT MILLER DEVELOPMENT WHERE THE DRIVER FROM OUR SIDE IS TO HAVE TWO PRINCIPLES MET, ONE OF WHICH IS TO HAVE THE DEVELOPMENTS PROFITABLE AND THAT PEOPLE WILL MUCH TO DEVELOP MUCH AS KITELIS DID AS A PROFIT -- BUT IT ALSO CONTAINS SUBSTANTIAL PUBLIC BENEFITS AND PUBLIC VALUES IN THIS PROJECT. SO WE'RE NOT LOOKING FOR THE HIGHEST SALES PRICE. HOW DO WE HANDLE THAT SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE SOME QUESTION OF A BIDDING WAR SINCE WE'RE TRYING TO ACHIEVE SOMETHING DIFFERENT, WHICH IS TO INCORPORATE PUBLIC VALUES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PUBLIC LAND.

ONE THING YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER IS THE INCLUSION OF A MINIMUM BID REQUIREMENT THAT'S BASED ON APPRAISED VALUE, AND THAT WAY ALL OF YOUR PROPOSERS HAVE TO BE ABLE TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THEY HAVE THE FINANCIAL WHEREWITHAL TO CLEAR A BASIC BID REQUIREMENT. AND THEN FROM THERE THIS IS CLEARLY GOING TO BE A MASTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, AND THE FINAL SALES PRICE MIGHT VARY BASED ON HOW YOU NEGOTIATE CERTAIN THINGS. FOR EXAMPLE, THE LANGUAGE THAT WE JUST TALKED ABOUT WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING MIGHT VERY WELL AFFECT FINAL SALES PRICE.

THAT NEEDS TO BE IN THIS RESOLUTION THAT WE'D HAVE A MINIMUM BID, OR IS THAT SOMETHING THAT YOU-ALL WOULD HANDLE ADMINISTRATIVELY MUCH AS YOU DID WITH BLOCK 21?

AT THIS TIME WE'RE CONSIDERING THAT STANDARD TERM IN THE RFP DOCUMENT. BUT I WILL SAY THAT PART OF OUR SCHEDULE IS TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU-ALL HAVE COPIES OF THAT RFP DOCUMENT FOR A WEEK OR SO BEFORE WE ISSUE IT. SO IF THERE IS ANYTHING IN THAT LANGUAGE THAT YOU THINK DOES NOT REFLECT WHAT YOUR INTENTION IS, THEN WE'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO HAVE SOME TIME TO REDRAFT. BUT NO, AT THIS POINT WE DO HAVE THAT LANGUAGE IN THE BODY OF THE RFP WHICH WE ARE CURRENTLY DRAFTING, AND THEN WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IS THIS LANGUAGE, PULL THIS LANGUAGE INTO THE RFP DOCUMENT.

MY FINAL QUESTION, THAT IS THE -- IN THE WATERFRONT OVERLAY IN WHICH WE SIT CURRENTLY, THE CITY HALL PROPERTY, THERE'S TWO OPTIONS, ONE IS A 45-FOOT WALL. YOU GET BACK A 70-DEGREE ANGLE AND YOU GO HIGH OR HAVE A MAX 100-FOOT HEIGHT. SO THE TWO TSC BUILDINGS, THEY ELECTED TO BUILD THE 100-FOOT MAX HEIGHT AS OPPOSED TO THE 40-FOOT WALL THAT SKYSCRAPER UP. THE GREEN PROPERTIES DON'T HAVE THE OPTION OF DOING -- OF CAPPING THE HEIGHT AT 100 FEET. IT'S ONLY, MY UNDERSTANDING, THE 40-FOOT WALL AND THEN GO UP. I MEAN, THAT JUST HAS DIFFERENT IMPLICATIONS. THAT COULD MAKE IT -- I JUST WANT TO GET A SENSE OF WHETHER THAT'S SOMETHING THAT COULD BE FLESHED OUT IN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS BECAUSE IT COULD AFFECT THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE MORE AFFORDABILITY IF THEY WERE TO CAP THE HEIGHT AS THE TWO BUILDINGS NEXT TO IT.

WE DO HAVE THE OPTION OF WORKING WITH THAT 70-DEGREE HEIGHT WHEN WE DID THE CSC BUILDING AND CITY HALL, WE ACTUALLY DID A CODE AMENDMENT AND CREATED NEW LANGUAGE FOR THIS PARTICULAR AREA OF DOWNTOWN TO PROVIDE THAT FLEXIBILITY BEFORE WE WENT IN AND DID THE BUILDING DESIGN AND GET THE SITE PLANS APPROVED. BUT CURRENTLY WE'RE JUST OPERATING UNDER THE NORTH SHORE CENTRAL SUBDISTRICT REGULATIONS, SAVE AND EXCEPT THE SMALL AREA ALONG THE CREEK ITSELF WHERE THERE ARE CHANGES IN SETBACK. THE HEIGHT WOULD -- IF IT WERE TO BE RECEIVING CBD ZONING WOULD BE AN UNLIMITED HEIGHT EXCEPT FOR THAT 7-DEGREE SETBACK.

AND THE ONLY THING I SAY, ONE OF THE THINGS WE LEARNED FROM ROMA IS THAT UNDER THE SINGLE OPTION DEFINITION, WATERFRONT OVERLAY, COULD GO WITH 800 FEET HIGH OVER THERE, AND THAT MAY BE WHAT THE DIVISION IS. BUT UNDER THE DISTRICT WE CURRENTLY SIT, IT COULD GO 800 FEET HIGH OR BE CAPPED AT A HUNDRED FEET. BUT A HUNDRED FEET HAS THE ENVELOPE YOU SEE, THE GRAPHICS. I DON'T WANT TO RESOLVE THAT TONIGHT. I JUST THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT SHOULD BE -- I PERSONALLY WOULD -- VISIONS WHICH PROPOSERS IF THEY HAVE THAT WHICH VISION MORE SINKS UP WITH

COMMUNITY VALUES BECAUSE IT COULD IMPACT, FOR INSTANCE, AFFORDABILITY.

IF THERE IS -- IF YOU CAN GIVE US DIRECTION AND WE COULD CERTAINLY START A CODE AMENDMENT, IF WE WANTED MORE FLEXIBILITY. BUT THE WAY WE WOULD WORK IS WITH THE REGULATIONS AS THEY EXIST RIGHT NOW, WHICH WOULD BE -- BE THAT STEP BACK OF A 70-DEGREE ANGLE.

I DON'T THINK WE'RE READY TO SAY WE'D WANT TO CUT -- IT MAY BE THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD PREFER TO CAP THE HEIGHT AT 100 FEET AS WE DID WITH SILICON GRAPHICS BUT ALLOW MORE FULL BUILD-OUT AS OPPOSED TO ALLOWING HIGH BUT HAVING A BASE WALL OF 48.

AND AS LONG AS WE RESPECT THE ANGLE, YOU ALWAYS HAVE THAT OPTION OF ADDING A CONDITIONAL OVERLAY, CAP THE HEIGHT LATER ON. WE'LL BE BRINGING THAT ZONING CASE THROUGH BY YOUR DIRECTION ALREADY, WHEN IT GOES TO THE COMMISSION IN MARCH AND BY APRIL IT WILL BE BACK BEFORE YOU.

MCCRACKEN: I THINK FOR THE PUBLIC TO GET A SENSE OF IT, THE TWO NICE FAMILY BUILDINGS ON 2ND STREET. ONE IS AN EXAMPLE OF A SHORT BASE WALL AT A HIGHER BUILDING AND THE OTHER FAMILY BUILDING IS A 90-FOOT BUILDING THAT'S BUILT UP. SO THOSE ARE EXAMPLES THE PUBLIC AND PROPOSERS COULD EYEBALL. THEY'RE BOTH GREAT BUILDINGS AND THAT'S KIND OF THE OPTION OUT THERE. I JUST WANTED TO GET A SENSE -- BECAUSE I DON'T THINK WE'RE READY TO DO A CODE BUT IT MAY BE A PUBLIC VISION THAT EMERGES WOULD BE MORE OF THE 100-FOOT VARIETY AS OPPOSED TO THE SHORT BASE WALL BUT HIGH BUILDINGS.

MAYOR WYNN: FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? WE'LL SAY WE DON'T HAVE ANY CITIZENS SIGNED UP WISHING TO SPEAK, MARY ARNOLD SIGNED UP EARLIER, NOT WISHING TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION.

MAYOR WYNN: DO YOU WANT TO TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT LIKELY SCHEDULE, YOU KNOW, WHAT ARE THE NEXT COUPLE OR THREE STEPS THAT WE AND OR THE PUBLIC MIGHT SEE?

ONCE YOU PASS THIS RESOLUTION THAT WILL GIVE US EVERYTHING THAT WE NEED FROM A POLICY PERSPECTIVE TO PULL THE RFP TOGETHER AND THEN UNDERSTANDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL IS INTERESTED IN MOVING THIS PROCESS FORWARD QUICKLY, WE WILL GO -- WE WILL -- THE ONE STEP THAT WE WANT TO COME BACK TO YOU WITH IS THE APPROVAL OF AN EVALUATION MATRIX, AN EVALUATION MATRIX IS SIMPLY THE -- IT'S THE SCORECARD ESSENTIALLY THAT WE INCLUDE IN THE RFP DOCUMENT THAT TELLS THE PROPOSING COMMUNITY HOW WE'RE GOING TO EVALUATE PROPOSALS. OBVIOUSLY IT WILL LARGELY KEY OFF OF THIS POLICY AND KIND OF THE STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS, SOME OF WHICH WE TALKED ABOUT EARLIER LIKE A MINIMUM BID REQUIREMENT, FINANCIAL WHEREWITHAL, ABILITY TO PERFORM ON THIS KIND OF PROJECT, IN OTHER

WORDS, EXPERIENCE WITH THIS KIND OF DOWNTOWN PROJECT. [ONE MOMENT, PLEASE, FOR CHANGE IN CAPTIONERS.]

THERE'S A LOT OF WORK TO BE DONE BETWEEN THE TIME THAT WE ISSUE THAT R.F.P. AND EARLY MARCH AND THE TIME THAT WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO GET IT APPROVED -- A WINNING PROPOSER APPROVED IN EARLY TO MID JUNE. BUT WE'LL TRY BACK INTO THAT SCHEDULE AND GET YOU SET SOUP THAT IN MAY THE CITY COUNCIL WILL THEN BE PERFORMING AS THE EVALUATION COMMITTEE OF THE PROPOSALS THAT WE HAVE.

I LIKE THAT. IT NOW IS SOUNDS LIKE IT WILL BE A LOT OF WORK, BUT I THINK THERE'S STRONG WILL OF COUNCIL TO GET THIS DONE BEFORE OUR SUMMER BREAK OF A MONTH OR MORE. SO THAT EARLY TO MID JUNE TARGET IS A GOOD ONE. I HOPE WE CAN PULL IT OFF. SO AGAIN WE HAVE A PROPOSED R.F.P. RESOLUTION ON THE TABLE PRESENTED BY STAFF, ITEM NUMBER 54. FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

WITH ALL THAT ARE WE STILL CONSIDERING THE LATEST AMENDMENT, UNREVISED THAT WE'RE GIVEN. IS THAT WHAT'S ON THE TABLE. I JUST DIDN'T KNOW IF BREWSTER HAD MADE SOME SUGGESTED CHANGES.

I THINK THERE WAS ONE CHANGE THAT SHE SUGGESTED THAT IN NUMBER 6 TO SAY AFTER AREA MEDIAN INCOME, COMMA, AND, COMMA, IN THE EVENT THE PROPOSAL INCLUDES HOUSING COMMA, IT SHALL INCLUDE AN OPTION.

THAT'S RIGHT. SO GIVEN THE PROPOSER'S THE ABILITY TO SUGGEST THAT WE COULD ALSO IN ADDITION TO POTENTIALLY BUYING MORE AFFORDABILITY OFF THE RENTAL SIDE, SHOULD THEY HAVE FOR SALE RESIDENTIAL, WE COULD IN THEORY BUY-DOWN SOME AFFORDABILITY THERE AS WELL.

Mayor Wynn: I'LL ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR THIS AMENDED RESOLUTION AS WELL.

McCracken: I MOVE APPROVAL.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION AND A SECOND TO APPROVE THIS RESOLUTION. FURTHER COMMENTS? COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN?

McCracken: I THINK ALL THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO CONGRATULATIONS THE MAYOR ON HIS VISION. THIS IS HIS DOING. HE'S BEEN AT THIS FOR ABOUT THREE YEARS NOW AND THIS IS THE -- I THINK THAT TO GRASP THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WHAT MAYOR WYNN HAS INITIATED AND LED US THROUGH, IT'S GOING TO BE THE FIRST -- IT WILL LIKELY BE THE BIGGEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE HISTORY OF DOWNTOWN AUSTIN. IT WILL BE A DEVELOPMENT THAT'S FOR EVERYBODY. WE'VE HAD I THINK SOME UNDERSTANDABLE AND JUSTIFIABLE CONCERNS THAT WHILE THE DOWNTOWN GROWTH IS VERY WELCOME AND IT IS REALLY

REVITALIZING AND MAKING DOWNTOWN AN EXCITING PLACE, IT HASN'T BEEN FOR EVERYBODY. THIS DEVELOPMENT IS GOING TO BE BIG AND LIKE FIVE DOWNTOWN BLOCKS AND IT'S GOING TO BE FOR EVERYBODY. IT WILL HAVE HOUSING IN ALL PRICE RANGES. IT'S GOING TO BE THE KIND OF PLACE WHERE EVERY AUSTINITE CAN BE PART OF TO LIVE THERE, WORK THERE, SHOP THERE. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE SHOP FOR RICH PEOPLE, HOUSING FOR RICH PEOPLE, IT'S GOING TO BE FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. I THINK THAT'S A GREAT TEST TO AUSTIN VALUES AND VISION. I'LL TELL YOU PERSONALLY AS I ASSESS PROPOSALS, I THINK THAT I SEE SOME EXCITING POSSIBILITIES THAT EMERGE FROM PROPOSERS COULD BE THINGS SUCH AS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO CREATE HOUSING FOR CITY EMPLOYEES SO THAT CITY EMPLOYEES COULD WALK TO WORK. AND COULD THEREFORE SAVE MONEY ON COMMUTING, PARTICULARLY AS WE DISCUSSED RUNNING A TRANSIT LINE OF SOME SORT, PROBABLY A RAIL LINE NEXT TO THIS DEVELOPMENT. I THINK IT COULD BE VERY ATTRACTIVE, THE POTENTIAL IF WE WERE ABLE TO CREATE HOUSING FOR MIEWGS AND FILM MAKERS AND ARTISTS. THIS IS A CRITICAL NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY. FORBEE'S RATED US AS A CREATIVE SOCIETY, BUT THEY CAN'T AFFORD TO LIVE HERE. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEVERAGE PRIVATE INGENUITY AND PUBLIC LAND AND PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC VALUES TO ADDRESS THAT AS WELL. AND I THINK TO THE EXTENT WE COULD HAVE LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES AND AN ANCHOR RETAILER THAT'S THERE FOR EVERYBODY. IT'S NOT SOME HIGH END PLACE, BUT IT'S THE KIND OF PLACE THAT THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY WOULD BE ABLE TO SHOP AT, WHETHER IT'S A GROCERY STORE OR GENERAL PURPOSE STORE. AND SO I THINK ABOVE ALL, I WANTED TO MAKE SURE PERSONAL LOVE THAT WE SEE A DEVELOPMENT THAT WE KNOW IS AUSTIN, NOT JUST BY THE WAY IT LOOKS, BUT BECAUSE IT'S OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE AND AVAILABLE TO NERVE COMMUNITY. AND THAT WILL BE A GREAT, ENDURING LEGACY AND TESTAMENT TO THE VISION OF MAYOR WYNN.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, COUNCILMEMBER. FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE MOTION AND A SECOND? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF FIVE TO ZERO WITH COUNCILMEMBERS LEFFINGWELL AND KIM OFF THE Dais. THANK YOU. GREAT WORK. MR. GUERNSEY, BEFORE WE HOPE BACK INTO OUR ZONING CASES, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THERE MIGHT BE SOME OF THE PUBLIC HEARING CASES FOR LATER TO BE POSTPONED? I DON'T KNOW IF STAFF HAS ANY OF THAT INFORMATION OR NOT. MEANWHILE, I GUESS WE HAVE ONE ZONING CASE NOW, 92, 93? BUT I'M SORRY, HERE COMES STAFF, SCURRYING DOWN TO GET THEIR CASES POSTPONED, I TRUST. MR. ZAPALAC, WE'RE JUST LOOKING FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS WE CAN POSTPONE BEFORE WE GO BACK TO ZONING.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL WE DO HAVE A POSTPONEMENT REQUEST ON ITEM 97 AND 98 BY THE APPLICANT -- BY THE APPELLANT RATHER, AN INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT THAT'S BEEN REQUESTED. THERE ARE DISCUSSIONS GOING ON WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD AT THIS TIME TO GO AHEAD AND CONDUCT THE HEARINGS ON THESE CASES AND POSSIBLY DEFER PART OF THE ACTION UNTIL A LATER DATE. MR. SUTTLE -- MR. RICHARD SUTTLE IS HERE TO MAKE

THE REQUEST FOR THE POSTPONEMENT.

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Mayor Wynn: I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THIS MIGHT BE A CONSENSUS REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT. IT'S NOT?

I BELIEVE IT IS. '.

Mayor Wynn: THEN MIND. ZONING CASE 92, 93. MR. ADAMS?

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, GEORGE ADAMS WITH NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT. ITEMS 92 AND 93 ARE RELATED CASES. ITEM 92 IS NPA 2008-0011.01, NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA, VERTICAL MIXED USE. THIS ITEM WOULD AMEND THE NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN TO CHAINGT LAND USE DESIGNATION ON THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM COMMERCIAL TO MIXED USE OR OFFICE MIXED USE ON CERTAIN TRACTS. AND THIS AMENDMENT IS REQUIRED TO PERMIT THE VMU ZONING THAT IS PART OF ITEM 93. BRIEFLY, THE NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA IS BOUNDED BY I-35 ON THE EAST, 45TH STREET, RED RIVER STREET AND 51st STREET ON THE SOUTH, LAMAR BOULEVARD ON THE WEST AND KOENIG LANE ON THE NORTH.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS FOR GEORGE, COUNCIL? COMMENTS?

MOTIONS 1 AND 2 RELATE TO 92, THE PROPOSED NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENT. I BELIEVE THOSE WERE THE PLANNING COMMISSION ITEMS. SORRY ABOUT THAT.

Mayor Wynn: WE HAVE A COUPLE OF FOLKS WHO WANTED TO GIVE US TESTIMONY. IF YOU DON'T MINE, COUNCIL, WE CAN TAKE THAT TESTIMONY --

WAS THAT ON ITEM 93, MAYOR?

Mayor Wynn: 93.

I JUST COVERED ITEM 92. IF YOU WILL LIKE, I CAN COVER ITEM 93, WHICH IS THE ACTUAL VMU ZONING.

Mayor Wynn: LET'S ROLL THESE TOGETHER.

93 IS THE C-14-2008 ON 002. THE NORTH LOOP PLANNING AREA HAS NORTH LAMAR BOULEVARD AND AIRPORT BOULEVARD AS CORE TRANSIT CORRIDORS WITHIN THE AREA AND EAST 51st STREET AS A FUTURE CORE TRANSIT CORRIDOR. THE VMU OVERLAY DISTRICT ALONG THESE ROADWAYS INCLUDE 33 TRACTS CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 66.5 MAKERS. THE NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN CONTACT TEAM RECOMMENDED

APPLYING ALL VERTICAL MIXED USE STANDARDS, INCLUDING THE DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS, THE PARKING REDUCTION AND THE ADDITIONAL USES AND OFFICE DISTRICTS TO ALL PROPERTIES WITHIN THE VMU OVERLAY DISTRICT. AND THIS SPECIFICALLY COVERS TRACTS 1 THROUGH 23, 24-A AND B AND 25 THROUGH 32. IN ADDITION, THE CONTACT TEAM ALSO RECOMMENDS OPTING IN A NUMBER OF PROPERTIES. THEY ALSO RECOMMENDED APPLYING ALL VMU RELATED STANDARDS, DIMENSIONAL IS DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS, PARKING REDUCTIONS AND THE ADDITIONAL USES AND ZONING DISTRICTS ON TRACTS 101 THROUGH 103, 105 105106. THE CONTACT TEAM'S RECOMMENDATIONS IS ABOUT 84.059 ACRES. FINALLY THE CONTACT TEAM RECOMMENDED AN AFFORDABILITY LEVEL OF 80% OF MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME FOR THE AFFORDABLE UNITS AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF ALL OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD RECOMMENDATIONS.

THANK YOU, MR. ADAMS. QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? IF NOT, THEN WE'LL TAKE TESTIMONY FROM FOLKS WHO WOULD LIKE TO GIVE IT. LET'S SEE, SO WE'LL COMBINE ZONING ITEMS 92 AND 93, LOOKS LIKE OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS ROBIN MOORE. SHE SIGNED UP WISH TO GO SPEAK, AS DID KEN MOORE. WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

MAYOR WYNN, COUNCILMEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. I'M ONE OF THE OWNERS OF THE 111 EAST KOENIG LANE PROPERTY. MY PARENTS BOUGHT IT IN 1960 OR 61. WE RAN A FAMILY GARDEN CENTER IN AUSTIN FOR OVER 94 YEARS. PANCREATIC CANCER HIT US PRETTY HARD, MY FATHER AND BROTHER. AND AFTER MY BROTHER DIED A FEW DAYS AGO, WE DECIDED LIFE WAS TOO SHORT TO RUN A SEVEN-DAY A WEEK BUSINESS. WE WERE VERY HANDS ON. WE JUST SUPPORT THE VERTICAL MIXED USE FOR OUR AREA. WE NEED TO SELL OUR PROPERTY AND SINCE WE'VE CLOSED OUR BUSINESS, THE CRIME IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE SKY VIEW AND FORTH LOOP AREA HAS REALLY RISEN, AND I HAVE TO BELIEVE PART OF IT HAS TO DO WITH OUR 2.41 ACRES BEING VACANT. I THINK VERTICAL MIXED USE WITH SMALL BUSINESSES AND PEOPLE HAD A HOME TO GO TO AND COMING AND GOING, AND A WELL DONE PROPERTY LIKE THE BUYER HAD PROPOSED WHO WE DID HAVE WHO HAS SINCE TERMINATED WOULD BE AN ASSET TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD AND AUSTIN, AND IT'S KIND OF LIKE COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN WAS TALKING ABOUT DOWNTOWN, IT COULD BE A VERY SIMILAR THING BETWEEN LAMAR AND AIRPORT ON KOENIG LANE AND AVENUE F. WE'RE STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF IT. I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME. DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR ME?

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FOR MS. MOORE, COUNCIL? THANK YOU, MA'AM. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS KEN MOORE. WELCOME. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY SCOTT JOHNSON.

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR, CITY COUNCILMEMBERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. DESPITE THE 10 YU US WISDOM OF FOLLOWING MY WIFE SPEAKING, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD ON VMU IS SOMETHING THE CITY NEEDS IN THIS AREA. LIKE MY WIFE JUST SAID, THE CONCEPTS THAT COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN APPLIED TO THE GREEN TRACT NEED TO APPLY IN OTHER PLACES IN THE CITY. THERE IS NO MORE ANY SINGLE-FAMILY DID TACHED HOUSING IN THE

CENTRAL CITY THAT SOMEBODY MAKING THE MEAN INCOME IN THIS CITY CAN AFFORD TO BUY. WHERE ARE PEOPLE GOING TO LIVE? THEY HAVE TO MOVE OUT OR WE HAVE TO BUILD UP. IT'S ONE OR THE OTHER. THIS IS WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN IN THIS AREA, DESPITE THE OBJECTIONS OF A FEW RESIDENTS IN THE AREA, THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA, THE PEOPLE ON THE PLANNING TEAM, THE PEOPLE WHO ARE ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY, ALSO SUPPORT THIS. I URGE YOUR VOTE FOR THIS. THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. GOES MR. MOORE, COUNCIL IN THANK YOU, SIR. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS SCOTT JOHNSON. SCOTT JOHNSON SIGNED UP WISH TO GO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION, AS DID JOSEPH HORTON. WELCOME MR. HORTON. YOU WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

GOOD EVENING. I'M JOSEPH HORTON AND I'M A MEMBER OF THE NORTHFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. WE'RE A PART OF THE NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING AREA. THE PROPERTIES THAT I'M SPEAKING TO TONIGHT ARE WITHIN THE NORTH FIELD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. WE -- I REPRESENT A GROUP OF 32 RESIDENTS WHO RESIDE ON GIVETH AND A HALF STREET -- 55TH NACH STREET. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A SMALL SET OF PROPERTIES. WE HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH ANYTHING THAT'S BEEN PROPOSED IN 92, ITEM 92. NOR DO WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH ANY -- MOST OF THE PROPERTIES WHICH ARE PROPOSED IN 93. OF THOSE 22 PROPERTIES, WE-- WOULD LIKE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO BE GIVE TONE FOUR OF THESE PROPERTIES. THOSE INCLUDE IF THERE COULD BE A MAP THERE, THOSE INCLUDE PROPERTIES 103, 104-A, 104-B AND 1205. WE FEEL THAT THESE PROPERTIES ARE VERY UNIQUE DUE TO THEIR LIMITED ACCESS. AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO READ A PETITION THAT HAS SIGNATURES, WHICH I HAVE HERE, WHICH -- WHICH ARE FROM PREDOMINANTLY RESIDENT ON 55TH AND A HALF. WE THE UNDER SIGNED RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU EXCLUDE THE TRACTS LISTED ABOVE FROM THE OPT IN. THESE PROPERTIES ARE NOT PART OF THE CORE TRANSIT CORRIDOR OVERLAY BY THE CITY. THEY WERE ADDED AT THE RENGs OF THE NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING TEAM WITHOUT INPUT FROM ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS. WHILE WE WERE NOT OPPOSED TO THE VMU DESIGNATION, WE FEEL THESE PROPERTIES HAVE SEVERAL UNIQUE CHALLENGES DUE TO LIMITED ACCESS AND THAT THESE CHALLENGES HAVE NOT BEEN THOROUGHLY CONSIDERED. WE ASK FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING TEAM PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MAKING A FINAL DECISION ON THE DESIGNATION REZONING OF THESE PROPERTIES. THE NEXT NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING TEAM MEETING WILL BE HELD IN MARCH AND A DISCUSSION ON THIS TOPIC HAS ALREADY BEEN ADDED TO THE AGENDA. WE THEREFORE REQUEST THAT THE COUNCIL DELAY A FINAL DECISION ON THE PROPERTIES ABOVE. THOSE INCLUDING AGAIN 103, 104 A AND B AND 105 UNTIL THE COUNCIL'S MEETING IN APRIL. IF YOU LIKE, I CAN SPEAK FURTHER TO THE CONCERNS SPECIFIC TO THESE PROPERTIES. THE DECISION THAT WAS MADE WAS MADE BY THE NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING TEAM, WHICH IS EXRIEDZ OF INDIVIDUALS FROM -- COMPRISED OF INDIVIDUALS FROM THREE NEIGHBORHOODS AND UNFORTUNATELY PERHAPS BECAUSE IT SEEMED LIKE A MORE

TECHNICAL DISCUSSION, THERE'S NO EFFORT TO INVOLVE ADJACENT RESIDENT. WE UNFORTUNATELY ARE IN A NINTH HOUR SITUATION WHERE WE HAVE SOME CONCERNS AND WOULD LIKE TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESS WITH OUR OWN PLANNING TEAM AND VOICE THOSE AND SEE IF THEY CAN BE RESOLVED AND SO WE THEREFORE WOULD ASK THAT THESE FOUR PROPERTIES OF THE 50 THAT ARE INCLUDED IN 92 AND 93 BE BROKEN OUT AND BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER TIME.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. HORTON. QUESTIONS, COUNCIL? THANK YOU, SIR. WE MIGHT HAVE QUESTIONS FOR YOU AS WE WALK THROUGH THIS WITH STAFF. WELCOME BACK MR. ADAMS.

THANK YOU, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: BEFORE WE GET STARTED, I'M TRYING TO IDENTIFY ON MY TWO MOTION SHEETS, FOR INSTANCE, THE MOORE'S PROPERTY ON NOSHTH LOOP, I GUESS IT WAS. AND THEN --

THAT TRACT IS CONTAINED IN MOTION 4 AS ARE THE OTHER TRACTS THAT WERE IDENTIFIED FOR A POTENTIAL POSTPONEMENT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. OTHER QUESTIONS OF STAFF, COUNCIL? COUNCILMEMBER MCCrackEN.

McCracken: CAN YOU GIVE US, GEORGE, A LITTLE MORE BACKGROUND? I'M LOOKING AT THE MAP ON THE SCREEN, AND IT LOOKS LIKE THE COMMUTER RAIL LINE RUNS RIGHT BY THESE PROPERTIES. AND SO HOW -- THIS ANIMAL CARE SERVICES TO BE FAIRLY CLOSE TO THE HIGH LAN MALL PROPOSED -- HIGHLAND MALL PROPOSED RAIL STATION. DO YOU KNOW HOW FAR AWAY IT IS?

COUNCILMEMBER, I DON'T KNOW RIGHT OFFHAND, BUT I THINK YOU ARE CORRECT THAT IT IS FAIRLY CLOSE. I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT DISTANCE.

McCracken: I'M GUESSING IT MIGHT EVEN BE WITHIN A QUARTER MILE. THAT DOESN'T MEAN MUCH IF YOU'VE GOT TO GO TO THE AIRPORT, BUT IT'S RIGHT ACROSS FROM WHERE THE HIGHLAND MALL STATION WILL BE.

COUNCILMEMBER, THIS IS THE MALL RIGHT HERE AND THEN THE OLD BAKERY. AND IT'S KIND OF OFF THE MAP SLIGHTLY, BUT THE STATION WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY IN THIS LOCATION.

McCracken: YEAH, THAT'S VERY HELPFUL, GREG, THANK YOU. WHY ARE THEY DIFFERENT

COLORS BY THE WAY IN THIS MAP HERE?

THE COLORS ARE ONLY TO DISTINGUISH THE DIFFERENT TRACTS. THEY DON'T HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANCE OTHER THAN THAT.

McCracken: AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED INCLUSION OF THESE PROPERTIES AS WELL INTO THE NORTH LOOP?

THAT'S CORRECT.

McCracken: WHAT IS THE ACCESS ISSUE THAT SOME NEIGHBORS HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT? MAYBE I CAN HEAR FROM --

Mayor Wynn: MR. HORTON, WELCOME BACK.

LET'S TAKE 105 ADD AN EXAMPLE. AS YOU KNOW IT'S KOENIG HERE ON THE NOWTDZ. KOENIG IS A BOULEVARDED STREET. IT ALSO HAS AN ONRAMP THAT'S COMING IN FROM THE EAST SIDE, AS IT COMES DOWN JUST PRIOR TO JUST EAST I SHOULD SAY OF THE RAILROAD TRACT. IT'S A BUSY THOROUGHFARE. THE ONLY TURN WHICH IS ALLOWED BETWEEN -- IS ALLOWED AT AVENUE F THERE. OUR CONCERN IS PRIMARILY RELATED TO TRAFFIC, BUT ALSO WITH PARKING. WE FEEL THAT IF WE, FOR INSTANCE, TAKE 105 AS THE EXAMPLE THAT IT'S UNLIKELY ACCORDING TO THE PEOPLE THAT I'VE SPOKEN TO AT THE CITY THAT THERE WILL EVER BE A CURB CUT OR A BOULEVARD CUT IN THE SECTION BETWEEN THE RAILROAD TRACK AND AVENUE F. THEREFORE ANY INGRESS AND EGRESS OUT OF THAT NORTHSIDE WOULD BE LIMITED TO RIGHT TURN ONLY. PRESENTLY THIS IS OCCUPIED BY A GAS COMPANY. THERE'S A SINGLE INLET, OUTLET ON AVENUE F THAT SERVES IT TODAY. WITH THE INCREASED DENSITY THAT WOULD BE ALLOWED UNDER VMU, WE FEEL LIKE THAT SINGLE IN AND OUT WOULD BE TOO LITTLE TO ACCOMMODATE THE TRAFFIC THAT THIS AREA WOULD RECEIVE. AND THAT THE LIKELY RESULT WOULD BE THAT A LOT OF TRAFFIC WOULD BE ROUTED THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD GIVEN THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE REALLY TO MAKE A PRIMARY EXIT ON THE NOW. THE SAME CAN BE SAID FOR 104 A.

McCracken: YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ON KOENIG RIGHT BY THE RAILROAD TRACK? IS THAT THE CONCERN, THE TRAFFIC LEVELS ON KOENIG?

NO, IT'S TRAFFIC BEING ROUTED THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD. GIVEN THAT THE PROPERTIES ARE ON THE NORTHSIDE OF TOWN AND THAT A LOT OF TRAFFIC FLOW WOULD FLOW TO THE CENTER OF TOWN AND BACK AND GIVEN THAT IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE A LEFT TURN ON TO KOENIG FROM THESE PROPERTIES. DOES THAT MAKE SENSE DUE TO THE BOULEVARD? THESE PROPERTIES ARE RIGHT TURN ONLY, THEREFORE THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM WHATSOEVER ON THE PART OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD IF TRAFFIC COULD REASONABLY BE RESTRICTED TO -- AT LEAST MOSTLY LIMITED TO FLOW OUT OF THE

NORTHSIDE OF THE LOT. BUT THAT WILL BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE SINCE THERE IS A BOULEVARD ON THAT STREET, WHICH WAS JUST ADDED A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO.

McCracken: I'M JUST GOING TO JUMP IN. THAT STRIKES ME, WHICH I KNOW THAT THAT SEEM LIKE SOMETHING THE CITY DID, IT SOUND LIKE A MISTAKE FOR THAT TO ACT LIKE A NORMAL STREET. PARTICULARLY AS WE MOVE TO MAKE THIS A MORE PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED STREET. IT SOUTH SAN LIKE SOMETHING UNRELATED TO THE ZONING CASE WOULD BE TO GET RID OF THAT CONCRETE MEDIAN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD. FROM A PLANNING STANDPOINT THAT SEEP LIKE A MESS AND IT PROBABLY EX-SASS CERTIFY BATES THE SITUATION.

IT DOES. AND OUR NEIGHBORHOOD, WE ONLY HAVE ONE STREET WITH A SIDEWALK, AND THAT'S ACTUALLY AVENUE F. AND WE FEEL THAT PRESENTLY WE'RE ABLE TO WALK THROUGH THE STREETS, STROLL KID, BUT WE FEEL THAT THE AMOUNT OF TRAFFIC THAT WOULD LIKELY BE CAUSED BY A VMU WITHOUT ANY RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON THESE PROPERTIES COULD BE REALLY DETRIMENTAL.

McCracken: I APPRECIATE THAT. THANK YOU.

SHOULD I SPEAK TO PARKING AT ALL?

Mayor Wynn: IF SOMEBODY ASKS YOU A QUESTION ABOUT THAT.

McCracken: I WAS JUST WORRIED ABOUT THE TRAFFIC.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. AND FOR YOUR OBVIOUS ATTENTION TO THIS.

MAYOR, I JUST WANTED TO POINT OUT THAT THIS IS ON FOR FIRST READING ONLY TONIGHT.

Mayor Wynn: RIGHT. THANK YOU, GEORGE. AGAIN, FURTHER QUESTIONS OF STAFF? COMMENTS? GEORGE, REMIND ME HOW WE WOULD WALK THROUGH A COMBINED MOTION SHEET? WE WOULD BE LOOKING AT --

MOTION 1 AND 2 RELATE TO ITEM 92, WHICH WAS THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENT, AND I BELIEVE THERE WAS NO OPPOSITION TO THAT.

Mayor Wynn: WHICH PAGE, THOUGH? I HAVE TWO DIFFERENT PAGES. ONE HAS FIVE MOTIONS AND ONE HAS THREE.

YES, SIR, THIS IS THE ONE WITH FIVE. I BELIEVE THE SECOND MOTION SHEET WAS FOR THE WINDSOR PARK AREA WHICH WE NOT KNOWING THE OUTCOME OF THE POSTPONEMENT,

WE INCLUDED THAT ON THE DAIS AS WELL.

Mayor Wynn: SO THE FIRST TWO MOTIONS --

RELATE TO ITEM 92. THE FIRST OF WHICH WOULD BE TO APPROVE AN AMY TO THE NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, FUTURE LAND USE MAP, DESIGNATING TRACTS 10, 22, 23, FOUR B, 103 AND 104 A AS MIXED USE.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCIL, QUESTIONS, IMHENTS? I'LL ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION. FUTURE LAND USE MAP.

McCracken: MOVE TO APPROVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION. I GUESS MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON FIRST READING.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR MOTIONS 1 AND 2. FURTHER COMMENTS? GEORGE?

MAYOR, IF YOU LIKE, I COULD READ MOTION 2 INTO THE RECORD. APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORTH LOOP NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATING THE TRACTS AS OFFICE MIXED USE. PAIR MAYOR THANK YOU. SORRY I JUMPED AHEAD OF YOU THERE. SO COMBINED MOTIONS 1 AND 2, FIRST READING ONLY, PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION OF THE FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON FIRST READING ONLY ON A VOTE OF SIX TO ZERO.

MAYOR, MOTION 3 RELATES TO JUST THE PROPERTIES THAT ARE IN THE VMU OVERLAY DISTRICT, AND I BELIEVE THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO THOSE AS WELL. IT IS TO APPROVE VERTICAL MIXED USE ZONING WITH A DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS, PARKING REDUCTION AND ADDITIONAL USES AND OFFICE DISTRICTS ON TRACTS 1 THROUGH 23, 24-A, 24-B AND 25 THROUGH 32.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, COUNCIL? IF NOT, I'LL ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION. MOTION BY MAYOR PRO TEM TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE ON FIRST READING ONLY MOTION NUMBER 3, PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. ALL IN FAVOR? OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SIX TO ZERO.

MOTION 4 RELATES TO THOSE PROPERTIES THAT WERE NOT IN THE VMU OVERLAY DISTRICT, BUT WHICH THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING TEAM RECOMMENDED TO RECEIVE VMU ZONING AND ALL THE RELATED STANDARDS. THIS IS -- THIS MOTION INCLUDES -- I'LL READ THE MOTION. FIRST, APPROVE VERTICAL MIXED USE BUILDING ZONING WITH

DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS PARKING REDUCTION AND ADDITIONAL USES IN OFFICE DISTRICTS TO TRACTS 101-103, 1204 A AND B, 105, 106 AND 121. AS YOU HEARD, THERE IS THE POSTPONEMENT REQUEST FOR TRACTS 103, 104, 105.

Mayor Wynn: QUESTIONS, COMMENT? I'LL SAY BEFORE I ENTERTAIN A MOTION PERHAPS, THAT IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT WE HAVE THIS SORT OF THE BOULEVARD CURB CUT ISSUE ON KOENIG LANE, BUT BUSY THOROUGHFARES ARE PRECISELY WHERE WE WANT TO HAVE VMU, MORE OF IT NOT LESS. I'D BE VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THAT. MY STRONG HOPE AND EVEN SUS SITIONSUSPICION IS THAT WITH THOSE CHANGES IN LAND USE THAT ACTUALLY DRIVES THEN SORT OF THE TRANSPORTATION DECISIONS THAT GET MADE ON EVERYTHING FROM PLACEMENT OF MEDIANS, CURB CUTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS TO ACCOMMODATE WHAT WE WANT TO HAVE HAPPEN ON THESE MAJOR THOROUGHFARES.

McCracken: MAYOR, I AGREE WITH YOU. I MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION ON THE MOTION NUMBER 4.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MCCRACKEN THAT I'LL SECOND. CLOSING THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVING MOTION NUMBER 4 ON FIRST READING ONLY, PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION.

McCracken: I'LL JUST ASK THAT LIKE YOUR SELF, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME ANALYSIS OF HOW WE CAN GET THOSE CURB CUTS REMOVED. I THINK IT'S REALLY CRITICAL THAT THE ENTIRE ORGANIZATION ALIGNED BEHIND THE COUNCIL'S LAND USE POLICIES, AND THE COUNCIL'S LAND USE POLICIES ARE PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT WITH 15-FOOT SIDEWALKS AND STREET TREES. SO THAT'S WHAT VMU WILL PROVIDE HERE. WE'VE GOT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR ROADWAY IMPLEMENTATION IS IN SYNC IN SUPPORTING THE COUNCIL'S LAND USE POLICIES. IT STRIKE ME THAT CONCRETE BARRIERS IN THE ROAD WOULD BE AN EXAMPLE OF SOMETHING THAT IS CONTRARY TO THE COUNCIL'S LAND USE POLICIES.

Mayor Wynn: SO WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THE TABLE. MOTION NUMBER 4, PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION, FIRST READING ONLY. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSE SND? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SIX TO ZERO.

FINALLY, MAYOR, MOTION FIVE IS TO APPROVE AN AFFORDABILITY LEVEL OF 80% OF THE MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME FOR 10% OF THE UNITS IN A VERTICAL MIXED USE BUILDING AND THIS WAS RECOMMENDED ALSO BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Mayor Wynn: COMMENCE? COMMENTS? I'LL ENTERTAIN THAT MOTION TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE FIRST READING ONLY, MOTION NUMBER 5, PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE

SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SIX TO ZERO.

THANK YOU, MAYOR.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. ADAMS. SO I BELIEVE THAT CONCLUDES OUR ZONING CASES FOR THE EVENING. THANKS, MR. GUERNSEY. SO COUNCIL, I GUESS THAT TAKES US TO THE FIRST POTENTIAL PUBLIC HEARING, THAT BEING MR. ZAPALAC?

GOOD EVENING, MAYOR AND COUNCIL, I'M GEORGE ZAPALAC WITH THE WATERSHED PROTECTION AND RERUE DEPARTMENT. ITEM NUMBER 95 IS A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 25-4 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO SUBDIVISION BLOCKS, TREATS AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS. THIS WAS INITIATED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND WILL CHANGE THREE PROVISIONS OF THE SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE TO ENCOURAGE GREATER CONNECTIVITY FROM NEW SUBDIVISIONS TO SURROUNDING AREAS. FIRST, IT IT WILL SPECIFY THAT STREETS AND NEW SUBDIVISIONS MUST CONNECT WITH EXISTING STREETS UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE LAND USE COMMISSION. SECONDLY IN RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS, IF A BLOCK IS LONGER THAN JUST 900 FEET, IT MUST HAVE AN ADDITIONAL PEDESTRIAN ACCESS IN THE FORM OF A SIDEWALK OR A TRAIL ACROSS THE MIDDLE OF THE BLOCK. AND THIRDLY, IT WILL CHANGE THE REQUIREMENT FOR SUBDIVISION ACCESS STREETS. THE ORDINANCE PRESENTLY REQUIRES THAT EVERY SUBDIVISION HAVE AT LEAST TWO POINTS OF ACCESS, EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE AMENDMENT WOULD ALLOW PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO BE CONSIDERED AS WELL AS VEHICULAR ACCESS IN EVALUATING WHETHER ONE ACCESS POINT IS SUFFICIENT. THIS AMENDMENT IS RECOMMENDED BY THE STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND IT IS READY FOR ALL THREE READINGS, AND I'LL BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, GEORGE. QUESTIONS FOR STAFF, COUNCIL? COMMENTS? WE HAVE NO CITIZENS SIGNED UP WISH TO GO ADDRESS US ON THIS PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM UNTIL SURVIVE. ITEM NUMBER 95. COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND PASS ON ALL THREE READINGS.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM NUMBER 95, AND APPROVE ON ALL THREE READINGS. FURS COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE. OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON ALL THREE READINGS WITH A VOTE OF SIX TO ZERO.

MAYOR, ITEM 96 IS A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 25-6 OF THE CITY CODE TO REQUIRE SIDEWALKS FOR AT THE TIME A BUILDING PERMIT IS ISSUED FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND ADDITIONS, WHEREAS PRESENTLY THE REQUIREMENT IS ONLY FOR SUBDIVISIONS AND SITE PLANS. THE AMENDMENT ALSO ALLOWS AN APPLICANT IN CERTAIN CASES TO CONTRIBUTE TO A SIDEWALK FUND IN LIEU OF CONSTRUCTING A SIDEWALK

WHERE THERE ARE SOME DIFFICULTIES IN BUILDING THE SIDEWALK. AN APPLICANT WOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SIDEWALK FUND AND THEN THE CITY COULD TAKE THE MONEY FROM THE FUND AND BUILD SIDEWALKS IN THE NEARBY AREAS. AND THIRDLY, IT WILL ALSO MAKE ALL WAIVERS FROM SIDEWALK REQUIREMENTS ADMINISTRATIVE. THIS AMENDMENT IS RECOMMEND BY THE STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION, AND I'D BE GLAD TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. ZAPALAC. COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: THERE SHOULD BE SOME CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCE AS PASSED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND PASSED SINCE THEN OR HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED SINCE THEN. AND THEY SHOULD BE ON THE YELLOW SHEET TROOS IN FRONT OF YOU. AND THOSE CHANGES REALLY JUST FURTHER DEFINE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE DIRECTOR WILL APPROVE A FEE IN LIEU OF INSTEAD OF ACTUALLY PITTING THE SIDEWALKS IN AND SOME OTHER THINGS. I'D LIKE TO HAVE ONE OF THE ATTORNEYS, DEBRA THOMAS, I BELIEVE, DISCUSS IT.

Mayor Wynn: WELCOME, MS. THOMAS.

THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE ORDINANCE THAT WAS CONSIDERED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION THAT HAVE YOU IN FRONT OF YOU AND THE PROPOSED REVISION BASICALLY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES WHERE OWNERS CAN DECIDE TO PAY INTO A FEE -- PAY INTO A FUND FOR THE CITY TO FUND SIDEWALKS INSTEAD OF PAY -- INSTEAD OF BUILD THE SIDEWALKS THEMSELVES. GENERALLY THE TWO PROVISIONS REALLY THAT MAKE THE DIFFERENCES ARE 25-6-354-B, WHICH PROVIDES THAT THE DIRECTOR SHALL APPROVE A PAYMENT, THE DECISION OF AN OWNTORY PAY A FEE INSTEAD OF INSTALL THE SIDEWALK. IN OLDER NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE 50% OR LESS OF THE BLOCK FACE ALREADY HAS A SIDEWALK, WHAT THE HOPE WAS IN THIS CASE WAS INSTEAD OF HAVING A PERSON BUILD THE SIDEWALK WHEN THEY'RE DOING SOME REMODELING WAS INSTEAD OF HAVING SMALL PIECES OF -- SEGMENTS OF SIDEWALK BUILT, THAT INSTEAD THEY WOULD PAY INTO THE FEE AND THE CITY COULD POSSIBLY FINISH THE SIDEWALK ON ONE SIDE. AND THE SAME GOES FOR ADDITIONAL -- FOR A SMALL SUBDIVISION, FIVE OR FEWER SUBDIVISIONS WITH THE SAME SORTS OF CONDITIONS WHERE WE HAVE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN OLDER SUBDIVISION AREAS THAT IN THOSE CASES AN OWNER WOULD SAY I WOULD RATHER PAY INTO THE FUND RATHER THAN BUILD THE SIDEWALK. AND AGAIN THE CITY COULD TAKE THAT MONEY AND FILL IN THE MISSING PIECES OF SIDEWALK INSTEAD OF HAVING STAGGERED SIDEWALKS. AND THOSE ARE THE MAJOR DIFFERENCES.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MS. THOMAS. COUNCIL, WE HAVE A COUPLE OF FOLKS WHO WANTED TO GIVE US TESTIMONY ON THIS ITEM. IS KEN PFLUGER STILL WITH US. WELCOME. I APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE. YOU HAVE THREE MINUTES AND BE FOLLOWED BY JEFF JACK.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, I'M KEN PFLUGER. THE ORDINANCE YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU IS THE PRODUCT OF A FRUITFUL AND COLLABORATIVE PROCESS BETWEEN WANG AND CITY STAFF, WATERSHED PROTECTION AND THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT. AND THE ATTEMPT IS TO PROVIDE AN ELEMENT OF PLANNING INTO THE LOCATION OF SIDEWALKS. WANG BECAME CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT WE CALL SIDEWALKS TO NOWHERE SEVERAL YEARS AGO, AND WE BEGAN WORKING WITH THE CITY ON THAT ISSUE. AND WHEN I SAY SIDEWALKS, TO KNOW WHERE I MEAN SIDEWALK THAT HAVE NO REAL POTENTIAL FOR CONNECTING UP WITH AN INTERCONNECTED SYSTEM OF SIDEWALKS AND BE IN LOCATIONS WHERE WE NEED THEM INSTEAD OF BEING PLACED ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET WHERE IT WOULD NEVER CONNECT WITH EVERYTHING OR HAVE VERY LITTLE POTENTIAL FOR THAT. IT COULD BE PLACED ON AN ARTERIAL NEARBY AND COULD BE CONSTRUCTED WITH OTHER SIDEWALKS IN THAT AREA. HOPEFULLY THIS FUND THAT IS IN THIS ORDINANCE WILL BE SOMETHING THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR THAT OPPORTUNITY, AND WE'VE WORKED THOROUGHLY WITH STAFF TO PRODUCE WHAT WE THINK IS A VERY GOOD ORDINANCE, AND THOROUGHLY SUPPORT IT. I URGE YOU TO PASS THIS. I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU. QUESTIONS FOR MR. PFLUGER, COUNCIL? OUR LAST SPEAKER IS JEFF JACK. WELCOME BACK. YOU TOO WILL HAVE THREE MINUTES.

MAYOR, COUNCILMEMBERS, I'M JEFF JACK, PRESIDENT OF THE ZILKER NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. WE APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK THAT'S BEEN DONE ON THIS ORDINANCE, BUT WE HAVE SOME CONCERNS. THE IDEA OF A FEE IN LIEU GOING INTO A FUND THAT IS THEN AVAILABLE FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO FILL IN GAPS OR PROVIDE CONNECTIVITY IS VERY GOOD. THE PROBLEM IS WE DON'T SEE IN THE ORDINANCE THE MECHANISM THAT'S GOING TO ENSURE THAT THE MONEY THAT IS COLLECTED IN A TIMELY WAY GETS SPENT IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. AND THE CONCERN IS THAT WE'LL COLLECT THIS FEE IN LIEU FROM SOMEBODY DOING A REDEVELOPMENT OR A REMODELING OR WHATEVER, AND IT WILL GO INTO A CITY FUND. AND IT WOULD SIT THERE FOR YEARS. THERE'S NO MECHANISM BY WHICH WE ARE ASSURED THAT THAT MONEY IS ACTUALLY GOING TO BE PUT INTO PLAY TO PROVIDE THE FILLING OF THE GAPS OR EXTENDING THE NETWORK ANY TIME IN A TIMELY FASHION. AND THE LONGER THAT MONEY SITS THERE, THE INFLATIONARY COST OF CONSTRUCTION EATS IT UP. SO WHEN YOU HAVE SOMEBODY THAT MIGHT HAVE A LOT THAT'S 50 FEET AND THEY DECIDE TO DO FEE IN LIEU AND THE MONEY IS SUFFICIENT TO DO THAT SOMEPLACE ELSE, FIVE YEARS LATER IT'S 40 FEET. SEVEN YEARS LATER IT'S 35 FEET. SO THAT MONEY CONTINUES TO SHRINK OVER TIME UNLESS THE CITY MAKES IT UP IN SOME FASHION. AND WE HAVEN'T SEEN THAT THAT'S A MECHANISM IN THE ORDINANCE THAT'S GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S HELD TO BE THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT GOES IN WHEN THE SIDEWALK GETS BUILT. SO WE'D LIKE TO FIND OUT FROM STAFF HOW WE'RE GOING TO BE ASSURED THAT THAT MONEY GETS SPENT IN A TIMELY FASHION, HOW THE MONEY IS GOING TO BE AVAILABLE TO HELP STAFF MAKE A RECOMMENDATION OF WHERE THOSE SIDEWALKS NEED TO BE AND WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO IF IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO ACCUMULATE ENOUGH FUNDS, HOW IS THAT GOING TO BE COVERED FOR

THE COST OF INFLATION THAT EATS INTO THAT FUND? THANK YOU.

Mayor Wynn: THANK YOU, MR. JACK. COUNCIL, THAT'S ALL OF OUR TESTIMONY. WE HAD A COUPLE OF FOLKS SIGN NOT WISH TO GO SPEAK IN FAVOR, THOSE BEING MARY ARNOLD, SAWYER RA MOLAR AND CATHERINE KYLE. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? MOTIONS? COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL.

Leffingwell: DID YOU WANT TO ADDRESS ANY OF THOSE QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU, COUNCIL. THE ORDINANCE AS REVISED, THESE WERE CHANGES MADE AFTER THE COMMISSION PASSED THE ORDINANCE, BUT ON PAGE 3 OF 4 AT THE BOTTOM, SECTION E DOES SPECIFY THAT IN MAKING A DETERMINATION ABOUT HOW TO SPEND THE FUNDS, THE DIRECTOR IS REQUIRED TO CONSIDER THE ADOPT A NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN, THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING TEAM, INFORMATION PROVIDED BY REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND THE APPROVED CITY SIDEWALK PLAN. SO THERE IS OPPORTUNITY THERE FOR NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT INTO HOW THE FUNDS ARE SPENT. AS FAR AS THE TIMING ON THE VERY LAST SECTION ON THE PAGE 4, PARAGRAPH H, THE CITY MUST REFUND THE FEE TO THE APPLICANT IF IT IS NOT SPENT WITHIN 10 YEARS. SO THERE IS AN INCENTIVE FOR US TO UTILIZE THE MONEY AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN, AND THE INTENT IS TO PULL ANY FUNDS THAT ARE COLLECTED INTO THIS ORDINANCE WITH OTHER SIDEWALK FUNDS THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE, TO LEVERAGE THE FUNDS TO MAKE MORE OF AN IMPACT IN AREAS WHERE SIDEWALKS ARE NEEDED. CERTAINLY THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES AND INFLATION IS ALL A FACTOR WHEN WE COLLECT FUNDS IN LIEU OF REQUIRING SOMEONE TO BUILD A SIDEWALK, BUT WE DO INTEND TO MONITOR THE FUNDS CLOSELY AND MAKE SURE THAT THEIR SPENT IN A TIMELY MANNER.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER?

Leffingwell: WELL, AGAIN, IT'S BEEN SAID BEFORE, BUT THIS OPTION IS TAILORED FOR OLDER NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE THERE'S REDEVELOPMENT, AND MY NEIGHBORHOOD IN PARTICULAR IS A CLASSIC EXAMPLE OF WHERE ONE HOUSE IS REBUILT, REMODELED OR TAKEN DOWN AND REBUILT. AND THEN IT STANDS ALONE. THERE ARE NO SIDEWALKS ANYWHERE ON THE TREAT, SO UNDER THE CURRENT ORDINANCE, THE BUILDER WOULD HAVE THE OPTION STILL OF PAYING A FEE IN LIEU OF BUILDING A SIDEWALK IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE, BUT THE FACT IS BUILDERS DON'T DO THAT BECAUSE IT'S A LOT OF TROUBLE TO APPLY FOR THAT AND GET APPROVED FOR IT. AND IT'S THE SAME COST FOR THEM TO GO AHEAD AND PUT THE SIDEWALK IN SO IT MAKES A LOT MORE SENSE TO -- INSTEAD OF HAVING STRIPS OF INTAWKS TO NOWHERE TO PUT THOSE FUNDS IN -- PUT THOSE FEES INTO A FUND WHERE THEY CAN BE USED TO DO SOMETHING USEFUL. SO WITH THAT SAID, I WILL MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND PASS THE ORDINANCE WITH THE PROPOSED REVISIONS ON THE YELLOW SHEET ON ALL THREE READING.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER LEFFINGWELL, SECONDED BY THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVE ON ALL THREE READINGS THIS AMENDED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT. FURTHER COMMENTS? HEARING NONE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

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Mayor Wynn: OPPOSE AND OPPOSED? MOTION PASSES ON A VOTE OF SIX TO ZERO ON ALL THREE READINGS. SO COUNCIL, THAT TAKES US TO OUR FINAL TWO ITEMS, WHICH I'M TRUSTING WE COULD TAKE UP AS A COMBINED ITEM, BUT I'D APPRECIATE A STAFF PRESENTATION. MR. ZAPALAC?

MAYOR AND COUNCIL, ITEMS 97 AND 98 ARE APPEALS BY CWS CAPITAL PARTNERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S DECISION TO DENY WATERFRONT OVERLAY VARIANCES. ITEM 97 IS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 300 RIVERSIDE DRIVE AND 98 IS FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 222 EAST RIVERSIDE. BEFORE I MAKE A FULL PRESENTATION ON THESE CASES, THE APPLE APPLE LANT DID REQUEST A POSTPONEMENT OF BOTH OF THESE CASES AND THERE IS OPPOSITION TO THIS POSTPONEMENT REQUEST, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE APPELLANT MAY BE PROPOSING A MODIFICATION OF HIS REQUEST IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THAT ISSUE BEFORE WE GET INTO THE MERITS OF THE CASE.

Mayor Wynn: I BELIEVE THAT WOULD BE JUDICIOUS. MR. SUTTLE?

YESTERDAY YOU RECEIVED A LETTER FROM ME ASKING FOR AN INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF BOTH OF THESE CASES. I HAD BEEN OPERATING UNDER THE ASSUMPTION THAT BECAUSE OF YOUR LONG-STANDING POLICY THAT THE APPELLANT WAS ALWAYS GOING TO GET ONE POSTPONEMENT OF HIS CASES. IN TALKING TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS TODAY, WE'VE REACHED AN AGREEMENT WHEREBY IT'S KIND OF A BIFURCATED POSTPONEMENT AND JEFF JACK CAN HELP ME WITH THIS IF I BUNGLER IT. I THINK WE'VE AGREED TO HEAR THE VARIANCES ON BOTH CASES THAT DEAL WITH THE SETBACKS FROM THE LAKE. AND WE'LL HAVE A HEARING ON THAT. AND BASED ON WHAT HAS BEEN PUBLICLY SAID BY A NUMBER OF YOU, WE THINK WE KNOW HOW THAT WILL COME OUT, BUT MAYBE NOT. THEN ON THE VARIANCES TO THE CREEK SET BACK ALONG, WE WOULD AGREE TO POSTPONE ACTION ON THAT UNTIL APRIL TWOARTSZ. WHAT THAT DOES IS THAT KEEPS -- ALTHOUGH IT STATES VERY CLEARLY THAT SETBACKS FROM THE LAKE, WHAT THE POSITION ON THAT WILL BE, IT KEEPS THE SITE PLANS IN PLACE SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TALKING WITH THE NEIGHBORHOODS ABOUT A SETTLED SCENARIO WHERE WE COULD END UP WITH A DEVELOPMENT THAT MEETS MY CLIENT'S EXPECTATIONS ALONG WITH WHAT MEETS THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S. SO TONIGHT I'M AMENDING MY REQUEST FOR AN INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT TO BOTH CASES TO A HEARING AND ACTION TONIGHT ON THE VARIANCES THAT RELATE TO THE LAKEFRONT SET BACKS, BUT A POSTPONEMENT OF CONSIDERATION OF THE VARIANCES ON THE CREEK SIDE SET BACKS UNTIL APRIL 24TH. AND I BELIEVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS IN AGREEMENT

WITH THAT.

Mayor Wynn: SO MISERY TWICE, COUNCIL. THE PROPOSAL BY MR. SUTTLE IS TO GO THROUGH THIS MISERY OF A COUPLE OF HOURS' WORTH OF TESTIMONY, THEN TO NOT RESOLVE THIS CASE. IF I LISTEN TO ANYONE'S TESTIMONY, I'M READY TO VOTE TONIGHT. OR WE POSTPONE THIS AND SEE IF THEY WORK SOMETHING OUT. THAT'S JUST ME. COMMENTS, THOUGHTS? COUNCILMEMBER MCCrackEN. COUNCILMEMBER COLE, EXCUSE ME.

Cole: I GUESS, MAYOR, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I DISAGREEAGREE WITH YOUR POSITION. I GUESS YOU NEED A MOTION FOR THAT.

Mayor Wynn: I GUESS THE POSTPONEMENT DISCUSSION IS -- IT'S JUST -- FRANKLY, I'M PERTURBED BY THAT PROSPECT. I LIKE THE PROSPECT OF THE FACT THAT IF MR. SUTTLE CHARACTERIZE TZ CORRECTLY THAT THERE SEEM TO BE THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR THE LANDOWNER TO GET SOME SATISFACTION WHILE THE NEIGHBORHOOD REPRESENTATIVES SUGGEST THERE MUST BE SOMETHING WORTH POSTPONING FOR, BUT -- IN FACT, I SORT OF JUMPED TO CONCLUSION. WE HEARD FROM ONE SIDE OF THIS POSTPONEMENT DISCUSSION, THAT BEING THE LANDOWNER'S AGENT. WE SHOULD ALSO HEAR FROM AT LEAST A NEIGHBOR OR TWO. MR. JACK?

MAYOR, I'M JEFF JACK AND I'M SPEAKING NOW AS A MEMBER OF SAVE TOWN LAKE.ORG. WE HAVE BEEN IN DISCUSSION WITH RICHARD. WE UNDERSTAND HIS POSITION. WE CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND YOUR POSITION OF GOING THROUGH THIS MORE THAN ONCE. IT'S VERY COMPLEX. WE FEEL LIKE IF THERE'S GOING TO BE A BIFURCATION OF THIS SUCH THAT IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT WE'RE ACTING ON THE REQUEST FOR VARIANCES RELATED TO THE LAKEFRONT, THEN WE UNDERSTAND THE APPLICANT'S REQUEST TO POSTPONE THE VARIANCES ON THE CREEK SIDE. IF WE'RE NOT GOING TO DO THAT, NOT GOING TO SEPARATE THE ISSUES, WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE IT ALL HAPPEN TONIGHT.

Mayor Wynn: COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ.

I TEND TO AGREE WITH YOU. IF WE'RE WILLING TO POSTPONE THE SETBACKS FROM THE CREEK UNTIL THE 24TH, THIS COUNCIL HAS MADE IT REAL CLEAR ON OUR POSITION WITH THE WATERFRONT OVERLAY, SO I DON'T SEE WHY WE WOULDN'T JUST POSTPONE IT UNTIL THE 24TH AND LET YOU GUYS WORK SOMETHING OUT AND BRING IT BACK THEN. WHY GO THROUGH HALF OF THE HEARING RIGHT NOW AND THEN COME BACK AGAIN ON THE 24TH DOOND THIS ALL OVER WITH. IF SAVE TOWN LAKE AND THE NEIGHBORS ARE WILLING TO POSTPONE A PORTION OF IT TO THE 24TH, IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE COUNCIL'S POSITION AT ALL. IT JUST ALLOWS FOR MORE TIME FOR A POTENTIAL AGREEMENT OF SOME KIND IF IT CAN BE REACHED.

Mayor Wynn: MR. JACK, THOUGHTS?

COUNCILMEMBER, YOU'RE RIGHT. WE FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT THE VARIANCES SHOULD BE DENIED. WE'RE RELYING TONIGHT ON THE PUBLIC PRONOUNCEMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBERS ABOUT THIS ISSUE THAT THESE VARIANCES WOULD BE DENIED. AND IN THAT CASE IF THERE'S NO OTHER ISSUES TO BE RESOLVED, THEN WE'RE READY TO HEAR IT TONIGHT. THE ONLY REASON THAT A POSTPONEMENT ON THE CREEK SIDE ISSUE WAS TO ALLOW THE DEVELOPER TO SEE IF THE INTERPRETATION OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE 86 AND THE 99 CODE GAVE THEM ANY OPPORTUNITY TO COME UP WITH A BETTER PRODUCT. BUT SAYING THAT, IF THE WILL OF THE COUNCIL IS TO LOOK AT THESE AS BUNDLED TOGETHER, THEN LET'S JUST HEAR IT TONIGHT.

Martinez: WE'VE ALL ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE IS AN ISSUE WITH THE SETBACK ON THE CREEK SIDE AND THAT THERE IS A POTENTIAL TYPO THAT CREATES AN INACCURATE SET BACK.

RIGHT.

Martinez: SO I DON'T SEE THE DIFFERENCE -- THE APPEAL IS STILL PENDING. IF WE JUST POSTPONE IT UNTIL APRIL 24TH. IF YOU GUYS CAN SET DOWN AND TALK ABOUT THE CREEK SET BACK AND WORK SOMETHING OUT, THEN I THINK THAT'S ALL THE BETTER, BUT I DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH A HEARING TONIGHT AND ANOTHER HEARING, TWO HOUR HEARING ON APRIL 24TH.

THE COUNCIL'S POSITION HAS BEEN VERY CLEAR NOT TO GRANT VARIANCES TO THE WATERFRONT OVERLAY, THE LAKEFRONT ISSUE WE THINK COULD BE DECIDED AND THEREFORE IT'S OFF THE TABLE AND WE GO INTO NEGOTIATION WITH REGARD TO WHAT WE CAN DO WITH THE CREEK WITH THAT ISSUE NO LONGER IN PLAY. AND THAT WAS THE ONLY REASON TO SUPPORT TAKING THESE TWO ISSUES APART. WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT ANYTHING THAT COMES OUT OF NEGOTIATION THAT REQUIRES A VARIANCE TO THE WATERFRONT OVERLAY WITH REGARD TO THE LAKE SHORE, THE COUNCIL WOULD VOTE FOR BECAUSE YOU'VE INDICATED YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO THAT. SO WHY WOULD WE HAVE THAT IN THE DISCUSSION OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEK?

Martinez: BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO SIT HERE WITH TWO HOURS OF TESTIMONY TONIGHT AND THEN DO IT AGAIN ON APRIL 24TH OVER THE SAME EXACT ISSUE WHEN WE CAN AVOID THAT. MAYOR, I MOVE TO POSTPONE UNTIL APRIL 24TH.

SECOND.

Mayor Wynn: MOTION BY CAN COUNCILMEMBER MARTINEZ, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER COLE TO POSTPONE THIS COMBINED CASE, 97, 98 TO APRIL 24TH, 2008. FURTHER COMMENTS? I COULDN'T AGREE MORE WITH COUNCILMEMBERCOUNCILMEMBER

MARTINEZ'S THOUGHT AND CONSISTENCY ON -- THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN VERY FORTH
RIGHT AND PUBLIC ABOUT ONE BIG PIECE OF THIS, SO IT'S ALREADY OFF THE TABLE, IN MY
OPINION. FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE MOTION TO POSTPONE? HEARING NONE, ALL
THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE SAY AYE.

Mayor Wynn: OPPOSED? MOTION TO POSTPONE PASSES ON A VOTE OF SIX TO ZERO. THANK
YOU ALL VERY MUCH. MISS SPENCE, THERE BEING NO MORE BUSINESS BEFORE THE
AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, WE STAND ADJOURN. IT IS 8:26 P.M.

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